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Netherlands' Arjen Robben celebrates after his team scored their second goal during the group B World Cup soccer match between the Netherlands and Chile at the Itaquerao Stadium in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Monday, June 23, 2014. The Dutch team beat Chile 2-0 to top Group B.

(AP Photo/Frank Augstein)

Netherlands Closes Group Stage With Third Victory

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Syria hands over last of declared chemical weapons stockpile

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NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Syria finished handing over to Western powers Monday the 1,300 tons of chemical weapons it acknowledged possessing, completing a deal reached last fall under threat of U.S. airstrikes. The most dangerous material will be transferred to an American ship, which will move into international waters and use specialized equipment to destroy the chemicals over the next

been funneling weapons to rebels in Syria. The material handed over by Syria included mustard gas and precursors to the nerve gas sarin. Syria agreed to surrender its arsenal when the U.S. threatened missile strikes in retaliation for a chemical attack on a rebel-held suburb of Damascus. The attack is believed to have killed more than 1,000 people. The deal was put together by the United States and Russia, which has been

said at the project's staging ground in Cyprus. Ahmet Uzumcu, director general of the OPCW, acknowledged that Syria could still be hiding some of its arsenal. "I can't say ... that Syria doesn't have any chemical weapons anymore," Uzumcu said. But he said that that was true of any country that his organization works with. And he added that Syria's declared arsenal was close to estimates made by outside experts.



A sticker reading "Toxic" on containers carrying Syria's dangerous chemical weapons, on the Danish cargo ship, Ark Futura, transporting the chemical weapons out of the strife-torn country, in Cyprus coastal waters. Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons director general Ahmet Uzumcu said Monday, June 23, 2014, the final shipment of stockpiled chemical weapons has been loaded onto Danish and Norwegian ships for transportation out of Syria.

(AP Photo/Petros Karadjias)

two months. Other material will be disposed of at toxic waste sites in various countries. Questions persist over whether Syrian President Bashar Assad is hiding undeclared poison gases or attacking rebels with chlorine — a toxic industrial gas that is not specifically classified as a chemical weapon. But politicians and activists hailed Monday's milestone as a victory for international diplomacy, and, at the least, a clear reduction in the amount of chemicals available for use in Syria's bloody civil war. The news came amid extremely high tension across the Middle East, as Israel carried out retaliatory strikes on Syria and a Syrian cabinet member warned that Sunni insurgents in Iraq have

Assad's most powerful international backer during the war. The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the watchdog agency overseeing Syria's disarmament, confirmed that the final 100 tons of chemicals had been loaded onto a Danish ship in the Syrian port of Latakia. The completion of the task came nearly two months past the April 27 deadline set by the United Nations. The OPCW said that was because of security concerns amid the fighting. "The last thing you want, of course, is when you're dealing with chemical weapons elimination, that chemical weapons material falls into the wrong hands," Sigrid Kaag, head of the joint U.N.-OPCW mission in Syria,

He described the Syrian government's overall cooperation as "satisfactory." Kaag said her team's experts "are working closely with the Syrian Republic to look at any discrepancies or any revisions" in Syria's declaration that need to be made. Others applauded the move. "To its great credit, the OPCW, the United Nations, the United States, Russia and a diverse coalition of more than two dozen states stepped up to the unprecedented task of verifiably removing a country's entire chemical weapons stockpile under tight deadlines and wartime conditions," said Daryl Kimball of the Washington-based Arms Control Association. □

AROUND THE CARIBBEAN

Grenada: British national charged in wife's murder

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Associated Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — A British national has been charged with killing his wife after her body was found buried in a shallow grave on the Caribbean island of Grenada, police officials said Monday. The Royal Grenada Police Force said 32-year-old Alexander Clack was in custody on a charge of non-capital murder, meaning the death penalty cannot be considered if there is a conviction. An autopsy conducted Sunday on the body of Nixiann Downes-Clack revealed she died of blunt force trauma and asphyxiation by strangulation. Her body was recovered Friday, days after she was reported missing by relatives on the island. It was not immediately clear if she was also a British citizen. The 27-year-old woman was "suspected to have been the victim of domestic abuse and gender violence," said Delma Thomas, Grenada's minister of social development, housing and gender affairs. Police said Clack led investigators to his wife's remains in Mt. Moritz, a village just north of the capital, St. George's. A teenage girl detained with Clack on Friday has since been released from police custody. The couple apparently had a two-year-old daughter. Anselm Clouden, Clack's lawyer, did not respond to an email seeking comment about his client's court hearing Monday. Clouden's office phone rang unanswered. Clack was born and raised in London but lives in Grenada, a small country in the eastern Caribbean. He is the owner of SGU Fish Market, a company that delivers fish to hoteliers, supermarkets and retailers. □

FBI: Puerto Rico man aims laser at helicopter in flight

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — A Puerto Rican man has been arrested for allegedly aiming a laser pointer at a police helicopter during a security operation, the FBI said Monday. The FBI identified the suspect as Christopher Jusino Rodriguez of the southern city of Ponce. They allege he aimed the laser light at a police helicopter during a June 19 operation at the Santiago Iglesias public housing complex. Police say they saw a green light coming from an apartment balcony there and the hand-held pointer, also known as a laser pen, impeded the vision of officers in the helicopter. Officers on the ground were directed to the apartment and allegedly saw a man on a balcony with the device. Officers who responded to the suspicious apartment allege that Jusino acknowledged pointing the laser at the helicopter. They said he allegedly retrieved the device from a trash can. Jusino faces a maximum of five years in prison if convicted of aiming a laser pointer at an aircraft. Laser pointers are legal and are commonly used in classrooms and conference rooms. But it's a felony to aim them at aircraft. The Federal Aviation Administration has reported an increase in people pointing lasers at aircraft in recent years, including nearly 4,000 cases in 2013. Earlier this year, the FBI announced a program aimed at deterring people from pointing lasers at aircraft and rewarding those who come forward with information about individuals who do it. "Laser strikes on aircrafts put pilots and their passengers' lives in danger," said Carlos Cases, special agent-in-charge of the FBI's San Juan division. □

Kerry issues dire warning to Iraqis over future

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BAGHDAD (AP) — Warning of the “existential threat” posed by Sunni militants, Secretary of State John Kerry said Monday the U.S. is prepared to take military action even if Baghdad delays political reforms, noting that the risks of letting the insurgency run rampant threaten dangers beyond Iraq’s borders. But he stressed military action would not be in support of the present Shiite-led government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. Kerry, on a few hours’ visit to Baghdad, urged Iraq’s leaders to quickly set aside divisions as the only means of stopping the vicious Sunni insurgency and said Iraq’s future depended on choices Iraq’s leaders make in the next days and weeks.

“The future of Iraq depends primarily on the ability of Iraq’s leaders to come together and take a stand united against ISIL,” Kerry told a news conference, using the acronym for the al-Qaida-breakaway group, the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, that has captured huge swathes of Iraqi territory in the north and west.

“Not next week, not next month, but now,” he said. “It is essential that Iraq’s leaders form a genuinely inclusive government as rapidly as possible.”

It was a dire warning to leaders of Iraq’s bitterly divided Shiite, Sunni and Kurdish communities that came at a time when the Middle Eastern nation was facing its worst crisis since the withdrawal of U.S. forces in late 2011 after eight years in Iraq.

The Sunni fighters have virtually erased Iraq’s western border with Syria and also taken territory on the frontier with Jordan.

Noting the dangers the Sunni militants pose to Iraq and the region, Kerry said the U.S. was prepared to take military action if necessary even before a new government is formed.

“That’s why, again, I reiter-

ate, the president will not be hampered if he deems it necessary, if the formation is not complete,” he said, referring to Iraqi efforts to form a government that bridges the deep divi-

Obama has said he is considering airstrikes — “it has nothing to do with support for a specific government.” “It’s not specifically support for the existing prime minister or for one sect or

Kerry arrived in Baghdad just a day after the Sunni militants captured two key border posts, one along the frontier with Jordan and the other with Syria, deepening al-Maliki’s predica-

heightening pressure on al-Maliki to step aside.

Their offensive in the north and west takes the group closer to its dream of carving out an Islamic state straddling both Syria and Iraq. Controlling the borders with Syria will help it supply fellow fighters there with weaponry looted from Iraqi warehouses, boosting its ability to battle beleaguered Syrian government forces.

The creation of such a vast safe haven would serve as a magnet for jihadis from across the world, much like al-Qaida did in the 1990s in Taliban-ruled Afghanistan. Already, the Islamic State’s battlefield successes in Syria and more recently in Iraq have sent tremors across the region, jolting neighboring countries into action over fears that the Sunni militants may set their sights on them next.

In Jordan, Iraq’s neighbor to the west, the army dispatched reinforcements to its border with Iraq last week to boost security, while in Lebanon police busted a suspected sleeper cell allegedly linked to the Islamic State militants in raids on two hotels in central Beirut. □



U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, Robert Stephen Beecroft, left, listens while U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry speaks to staff at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq, Monday, June 23, 2014. Kerry said the fate of Iraq may be decided over the next week and is largely dependent on whether its leaders meet a deadline for starting to build a new government.

(AP Photo/Brendan Smialowski, Pool)

sions among the majority Shiites and minority Sunnis, Kurds and other groups.

Kerry stressed, however, that if military action is taken — President Barack

another,” Kerry said. “It will be against ISIL, because ISIL is a terrorist organization, and I think everybody today that we talked to understood the urgency.”

ment. Their latest victories considerably expanded territory under their control just two weeks after the group started swallowing up chunks of northern Iraq,

Poll shows no consensus in US for helping in Iraq

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The American public is divided over whether the United States is obliged to deal with the sectarian violence in Iraq and whether the troubles there are increasing the threat of terrorism domestically. The latest New York Times/CBS News poll also found that while many see President Barack Obama’s actions as appropriate, there are large partisan differences.

On Thursday, Obama announced the deployment of about 300 military advisers to Iraq to help fend off attacks from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, the militant group that has overrun large parts of the country. Forty-one percent of the public said Obama was properly addressing the violence in Iraq, while 29 percent said he should do more and 22 percent preferred he do less.

As usual when discussing views about Obama, opinions varied widely by party identification. Most Republicans (53 percent) would rather see him do more to tackle the problem in Iraq, and 19 percent said he was doing the right amount. However, 63 percent of Democrats said he had done enough, and only 13 percent said he should be doing more.

Of those who said Obama should be doing more in Iraq, about three-quarters said the United States had a duty to take steps to deal with the crisis there.

Overall, 42 percent said the United States had a responsibility to do something about the hostilities in Iraq, and 50 percent said it did not.

Among Republicans, 52 percent said the United States had an obligation to help deal with the conflict, while 51 percent of Democrats and 56 percent of independents disagreed. Respondents who served in Iraq or Afghanistan or their immediate family members were also less inclined to say the United States had a responsibility to help out in the conflict.

Differing attitudes could stem from differences in opinion about the threat that ISIL poses to the United States. Of those who said Mr. Obama should be doing more in Iraq, nearly two-thirds said the terrorism threat to the United States would grow as a result of the recent hostilities there.

Overall, 44 percent of the public said the possibility of terrorism in the United States would increase as a result of the unrest in Iraq, and 50 percent said it would have no effect. Sixty percent of Republicans said the risk to the United States from terrorism would rise as a result of the situation in Iraq, while 57 percent of Democrats and 55 percent of independents considered the danger to be unchanged.

The nationwide telephone poll was conducted June 20 to June 22 with 1,009 adults and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points. □

Veteran US senator threatened by tea party rival

JACKSON, Mississippi (AP) — An ultraconservative tea-party-backed challenger

southern state of Mississippi that has become increasingly bitter and underscored

trailing state Sen. Chris McDaniel in a June 3 primary. With more than \$12 million in

lican powers and conservative insurgents. Race is an issue, too, as tea partiers try to monitor how many Democrats — particularly black voters — cast ballots in the Republican runoff.

The runoff offers the best remaining chance for a tea party-backed challenger to oust an incumbent Republican senator. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell easily defeated a primary challenger in Kentucky earlier this year, but the tea party got a boost last week in Virginia when a little known college professor upset House Majority Leader Eric Cantor — the 2nd most powerful Republican in the House of Representatives — in a primary in a Virginia congressional district.

On Monday, the 76-year-old Cochran pressed his campaign to convince Mississippians that they cannot afford to lose his influence and ability to steer billions of federal dollars back to the state, one of the poorest in the U.S. The former Senate Appropriations Committee chairman could return to his old post if he's re-elected and Republicans win a Sen-

ate majority in the November election when control of Congress is at stake.

Arizona Sen. John McCain, the party's 2008 presidential nominee, was the latest establishment Republican to help Cochran's cause Monday, appearing alongside his colleague at a rally in Mississippi's capital.

McDaniel, who had multiple campaign stops scheduled Monday, used McCain's visit to support his argument that Cochran is the face of a \$17 trillion federal debt and a profligate Congress the nation can no longer afford. McDaniel is trying to take advantage of widespread voter discontent with Congress and the nation's overall direction.

"When you total up the amount of time that Cochran and McCain have been in the Senate, you get 62 years," McDaniel wrote in a fundraising email. "They've been in Washington for a combined 72 years. That's a long time, and a long list of appropriations."

McDaniel hasn't detailed his plans to balance the federal budget, but he's drawn solid support from national and local tea party-aligned organizations who favor deep spending cuts but oppose any tax increases to boost revenue.

Facing contempt from some conservatives, Cochran has aimed his influence argument at independents and Democrats, including African-Americans in a state with the nation's highest proportion of black voters. In Mississippi, voters do not register by party and anyone can vote Tuesday, except the 85,000 people who cast Democratic ballots on June 3. McDaniel's campaign calls the appeal to Democrats "desperate" and even suggests it's illegal, though that claim is based on an old law that courts have invalidated.

National tea party groups said they are working to "ensure a free and fair election" by sending several dozen observers to precincts to watch who votes during Tuesday's Republican contest. □



Mississippi Republican candidate, Sen. Thad Cochran speaks at a reelection rally on his behalf at the Mississippi War Memorial in Jackson, Miss., Monday, June 23, 2014. Voters head to the polls in seven states Tuesday, and two of the longest serving members of Congress face challenges that could end their careers. In Mississippi, six-term Cochran faces tea party challenger Chris McDaniel in a Republican primary runoff. McDaniel is a 41-year-old state lawmaker who led Cochran by less than 1,400 votes but didn't win a majority in the first round of voting.

sought to end the political career of a veteran U.S. senator Tuesday in a Republican primary runoff in the

deep divisions in party ranks. Six-term Mississippi Sen. Thad Cochran needs a comeback in the runoff after

outside spending, the election has become the latest focus for the national battle between traditional Repub-

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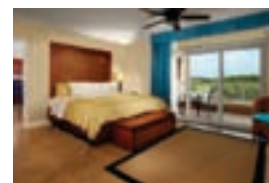
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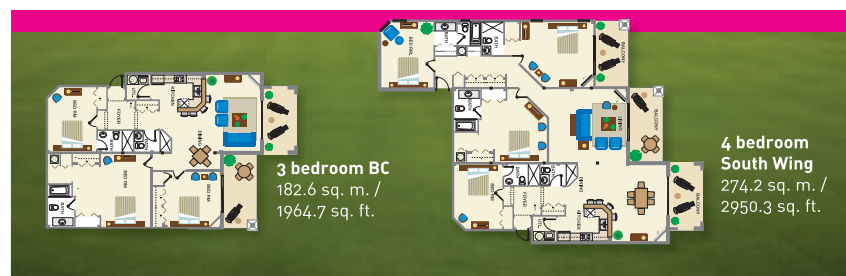
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Justices, with limits, let EPA curb power-plant gases

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WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court on Monday handed President Barack Obama's Environmental Protection Agency a victory in its efforts to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources like power plants, even as it criticized what it called the agency's overreaching.

"EPA is getting almost everything it wanted in this case," Justice Antonin Scalia said in summarizing the decision from the bench. "It sought to regulate sources it said were responsible for 86 percent of all the greenhouse gases emitted from stationary sources nationwide. Under our holdings, EPA will be able to regulate sources responsible for 83 percent of those emissions."

Scalia said the agency was free to do so as long as the sources in question "would need permits based on their emissions of more conventional pollutants." That part of the decision, which effectively sustained regulation of nearly all the sources the agency had

sought to regulate, was decided by a 7-2 vote. Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. and Justices Anthony M. Kennedy, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen G. Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan joined that part of the decision.

The agency expressed satisfaction with the ruling.

"The Supreme Court's decision is a win for our efforts to reduce carbon pollution because it allows EPA, states and other permitting authorities to continue to require carbon pollution limits in permits for the largest pollution sources," the agency said in a statement.

Another part of the decision rejected, in harsh terms, the agency's primary rationale for the regulations. The agency had contended it would interpret the Clean Air Act to require regulation of far fewer stationary sources of pollution than the law seemed to require.

"An agency has no power to 'tailor' legislation to bureaucratic policy goals by rewriting unambiguous statutory terms," Sca-



The U.S. Supreme Court building in Washington, June 23, 2014. On Monday, the Supreme Court largely upheld the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to regulate emissions from stationary sources like power plants.

(Stephen Crowley/The New York Times)

lia wrote. Roberts, Kennedy and justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel A. Alito Jr. joined that part of the decision, which was decided by a 5-4 vote. The National Federation of Independent Business welcomed what it said was the Supreme Court's refusal to

allow the agency to rewrite the statute.

"If this rule had been allowed to stand, small-business owners such as ranchers, farmers, manufacturers, restaurant owners and others would have seen more paperwork, more oversight and fines," the group said

in a statement.

The decision did reject the agency's primary rationale for the regulations. It did not seem to directly affect the administration's recently announced plans to cut carbon pollution under a different set of regulations.



\$76 million found for Golden Gate Bridge suicide barrier

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — With \$76 million in funding in place, officials said Monday they will consider a long-delayed proposal to build a suicide-prevention system on the Golden Gate Bridge.

The Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District announced that its board of directors is set to vote Friday on the plan that has faced opposition for years because of the expense, engineering difficulty and public resistance to the notion of changing the look of the iconic bridge.

Dennis Mulligan, the district's general manager, told KCBS-TV that 46 people committed suicide on the bridge in 2013. The bridge has been the site of more than 1,400 confirmed deaths since it opened in 1937.

"On average about once a week we stop someone from jumping off the bridge," Mulligan said.

"On average, twice a month people die by jumping off the bridge."

The agency said it has found funding to cover the \$76 million price tag of the project.

It said \$27 million would come from the federal Surface Transportation Program; \$22 million from the federal Local Highway Bridge Program; \$20 million from its own reserves; and \$7 million from California Mental Health Service Act money.

Federal money could not have been used for the project until 2012, when President Barack Obama signed into law a bill specifically making safety barriers and nets eligible for federal funds, the district said. □

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America's hinterlands woo Chinese firms for jobs

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AP Economics Writer

PINE HILL, Ala. (AP) — Burdened with Alabama's highest unemployment rate, long abandoned by textile mills and furniture plants, Wilcox County desperately needs jobs. They're coming, and from a most unlikely place: Henan Province, China, 7,600 miles away.

Henan's Golden Dragon Precise Copper Tube Group opened a plant here last month. It will employ more than 300 in a county known less for job opportunities than for lakes filled with bass, pine forests rich with wild turkey and boar and muddy roads best negotiated in four-wheel-drive trucks.

"Jobs that pay \$15 an hour are few and far between," says Dottie Gaston, an official in nearby Thomasville. What's happening in Pine Hill is starting to happen across America.

After decades of siphoning jobs from the United States, China is creating some. Chinese companies invested a record \$14 billion in the United States last year, according to the

Rhodium Group research firm. Collectively, they employ more than 70,000 Americans, up from virtually none a decade ago.

companies across the Pacific. Mayors and economic development officials have lined up to welcome Chinese investors. Southern

Southern hospitality and a tray of homemade banana pudding helped, too. "Get off the plane and the mayor is waiting for you,"

million in a plant to make industrial yarn and will employ 500. South Carolina nudged the deal along with a \$4 million grant.



Gov. Robert Bentley, flanked by Quingmin Li, Consul General China, Houston office, left, and Golden Dragon Copper USA Chairman Changjie Li, pose for photos with company, state and local officials at a ribbon cutting ceremony during the grand opening of the company's copper tubing plant in Pine Hill, Ala. Golden Dragon, the first company Bentley recruited to Alabama after being elected, will employ 300 new full-time employees in rural Wilcox County.
(AP Photo/Jamie Martin)

Powerful forces — narrowing wage gaps, tumbling U.S. energy prices, the vagaries of currency markets — are pulling Chinese

states, touting low labor and land costs, have been especially aggressive. In the case of the Pine Hill plant, tax breaks, some

says Hong Kong billionaire Ronnie Chan.

In March, Dothan, Alabama, held a two-day U.S.-China manufacturing symposium, drawing dozens of potential Chinese investors. On sale were T-shirts reading: "Ni hao, y'all" — combining the Chinese version of "hello" with a colloquial Southernism. Chinese executives wandered around during a street festival, experiencing Americana by snapping photos of vintage '60s muscle cars. A Chinese company, in a deal negotiated before the symposium, announced it would bring a 3D printing operation to Dothan.

Among other Chinese projects in the United States that are creating jobs:

— In Moraine, Ohio, Chinese glassmaker Fuyao Glass Industry Group Co. is taking over a plant that General Motors abandoned in 2008 and creating at least 800 jobs. The site puts Fuyao within four hours' drive of auto plants in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. — In Lancaster County, South Carolina, Chinese textile manufacturer Keer Group is investing \$218

— In Gregory, Texas, Tianjin Pipe is investing over \$1 billion in a factory that makes pipes for oil and gas drillers. The company expects to begin production late this year or early in 2015. It will have 50 to 70 employees by the end of this year and 400 to 500 by the end of 2017.

The United States and China have long maintained a lop-sided relationship: China makes things. America buys them. The U.S. trade deficit in goods with China last year hit a record \$318 billion. And for three decades, numerous U.S. manufacturers have moved operations to China.

The flow is at least starting to move the other way. One reason is that in the past decade, the cost of labor, adjusted for productivity gains, has surged 187 percent at Chinese factories, compared with just 27 percent in the United States, according to Boston Consulting Group. In addition, Chinese electricity costs rose 66 percent, more than twice the United States' increase.

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Wisconsin Energy buying Integrys for \$5.8B: report

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Wisconsin Energy Corp. is buying Integrys Energy Group Inc. for about \$5.8 billion in cash and stock to form a more diverse Midwest electric and natural gas delivery company.

The combined company will be called WEC Energy Group Inc. and serve more than 4.3 million total gas and electric customers across Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan and Minnesota.

The transaction will combine Wisconsin Energy's electric and gas utility, We Energies, with Integrys' electric and gas utilities, Wisconsin Public Service, Peoples Gas, North Shore Gas, Minnesota Energy Resources and Michigan Gas Utilities.

WEC Energy will hold a 60 percent stake in American Transmission Co.

Under the deal announced Monday, Integrys stockholders will receive 1.128 Wisconsin Energy shares and \$18.58 in cash for each share they own. That amounts to \$71.47 per Integrys share, a 17 percent premium to the company's Friday closing stock price of \$60.95. The payout will be 74 percent in stock and 26 percent in cash.

Wisconsin Energy and Integrys put the transaction's total value at \$9.1 billion including the assumption of \$3.3 billion in debt.

Shareholders of Chicago-based Integrys will own approximately 28 percent of the combined company. Integrys shares surged \$8.24, or 13.5 percent, to \$69.19 in morning trading. Wisconsin Energy shares slipped 86 cents, or 1.8 percent, to \$46.03.

Wisconsin Energy Chairman and CEO Gale Klappa will serve in the same posts for the combined company. Integrys Chairman and CEO Charlie Schrock will stay in his current roles until the acquisition is complete. He will retire upon the closing. □

US Financial Front:

Sales of existing American homes up 4.9% in May

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sales of previously owned U.S. homes posted the best monthly gain in nearly three years in May, providing hope that housing is beginning to regain momentum lost over the past year. The National Association of Realtors reported Monday that sales of existing homes increased 4.9 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.89 million homes. The monthly gain was the fastest since August 2011, but even with the increase, sales are still 5 percent below the pace in May 2013. "Sales appear to be moving up again, although the increase to date — over two months — reverses just a fraction of earlier weakening," Jim O'Sullivan, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics, said in a research note.

Sales had been dampened by last year's rise in mortgage rates from historic lows and various other factors including tight supplies and tougher lending standards. The median price of a home sold in May was \$213,400, up 5.1 percent from a year ago. By region of the country, sales were up the most in May in the Midwest, an 8.7 percent gain which likely reflected further catch-up from the severe winter. Sales rose 5.7 percent in the South and 3.3 percent in the Northeast but showed only a slight 0.9 percent increase in the West.

The number of first-time buyers remained stuck near record lows at just 27 percent of sales in May, down from 29 percent in April. Analysts expressed concerns about the scarcity of first-time buyers, who

historically have made up around 40 percent of the market. "The existing home sales market can only retain its strength for so long if move-up buyers cannot find a first-time buyer to purchase their starter

in May, an improvement from 18 percent of all sales a year ago. After hitting a recent peak of 5.38 million sales at an annual rate last July, sales started sliding. Potential buyers have been grappling with a lim-

cession that was triggered in part by the collapse in housing, housing sales have yet to return to their historic averages. Demand remains strong for the most expensive homes but has faltered for starter homes and those priced for middle class buyers.

The pace of home sales is below the 5.1 million homes sold in 2013 and off the pace of 5.5 million annual sales that would be consistent with a healthy housing market.

Lawrence Yun, chief economist for the Realtors, said because of the weaker start to sales this year, he expects that sales for the entire year will be down 3.1 percent this year to 4.9 million, compared with 5.1 million sales of existing homes in 2013, which had been a 9.2 percent rise from 2012. Yun said he was predicting a stronger second half for sales this year but he said that would not be enough to compensate for the weakness at the start of this year, a slowdown that reflected in part a harsh winter. □



Real estate broker Nancy Dowson, right, with Keller Williams Realty, shows a house to prospective buyer Mary Tuttle, in Miami Shores, Fla. The National Association of Realtors reported gains in existing-home sales in May on Monday, June 23, 2014. (AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee)

homes," said Stephanie Karol, an economist at Global Insight.

The level of distressed sales — either foreclosures or short-sales in which the homeowner has to sell for less than the value of the mortgage — declined to 11 percent of all sales

ited supply of houses, more expensive homes and lending standards which have been tightened in response to the housing boom of the past decade which resulted in millions of houses going into foreclosure. Five years into the recovery from a deep re-

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3 Media Giants Covet Vice; TV Network, Movie Deal Wanted

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A black SUV recently rolled through the streets of Williamsburg, Brooklyn, and stopped in front of the converted warehouse that is the global headquarters of Vice Media. Out of the vehicle stepped the media mogul Rupert Murdoch.

Murdoch's 21st Century Fox owns a small stake in Vice, and he was visiting Brooklyn to meet with Vice's chief executive, Shane Smith. Among the topics at hand was a rumor that Vice was negotiating to collaborate with, and perhaps sell a large stake to, one of Fox's competitors, Time Warner.

Fox is discussing a deal with Vice, too. So is Disney. Any agreement is likely to value Vice, which started as a free magazine in Montreal in 1994, at \$1.5 billion to \$2.5 billion. A partnership could take many shapes. But Vice, which has produced just 11 hours of programming expressly for television, is seeking its own TV network, a movie deal and a lot of money for its founders and investors.

The digital disruption that is transforming the news and entertainment businesses has led to many odd alliances, but few seem more incongruous than one that would join Vice with a corporate media conglomerate. Though financing itself mostly by making videos in partnership with large corporations, Vice has assiduously cultivated an insurgent image, with its tattooed news correspondents, hand-held cameras and journalistic stunts like sending the former basketball player Dennis Rodman to North Korea.

Along the way, Smith, 44, has routinely criticized the

mainstream media and traditional television. If he can reach a deal with one of these companies, he will be joining the club he has professed to disdain.

And yet here he is, in negotiations involving the likes of James Murdoch, Rupert's son and Fox's heir apparent; Robert A. Iger, chief executive of Disney; and Jeffrey L. Bewkes, chief executive of Time Warner. All of them are desperately scrambling to reach

mainly brash and outspoken, is trying to be discreet. Though he would not speak about the various deals Vice is discussing, he talked about his vision for the company's future and television's role in it recently at his office.

"It's the next step in our evolution," he said. "Our mobile and online stuff is going to grow exponentially, but we want a three-legged stool, and the third leg is TV."

million. Time Warner's 2000 merger with AOL is now taught to aspiring MBAs as the worst business transaction in history.

Smith contends Vice is different. The company's finances are private, but a person familiar with its business said it expected to generate about \$500 million in revenue in 2014. A vast majority comes not from online news content but from videos created to resemble news content,

un in North Korea.)

In its first year, Vice's HBO show averaged 821,000 viewers a week, including the original broadcast and viewings in the next seven days, according to Brad Adgate, the director of research for Horizon Media. Weekly viewership fell to 760,000 in its second season. HBO says the numbers are substantially higher when online and on-demand viewing are included.

People familiar with the negotiations say the talks with Time Warner have made the most progress. It could buy a large, minority stake in Vice, and give Vice control of the cable channel HLN, or they could operate the network as a joint venture. The deal would give Vice a 24-hour news network that reaches more than 100 million households. Time Warner would get a potential solution to a channel that has struggled to find an audience.

But the companies remain at odds over how much influence Time Warner would have over Vice and HLN, said the people familiar with the talks, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they are continuing and delicate. The two also disagree about the total value of Vice. Time Warner contends it is worth about \$1.5 billion; Vice says it is worth at least \$2.5 billion. These people also cited another matter. In March, Smith delivered a profanity-laced assessment of CNN - also owned by Time Warner - to The Daily News in New York, calling the network "a disaster." The president of CNN, Jeff Zucker, was furious, a Time Warner official said. If Vice were to take over HLN, Zucker and Smith would be colleagues. □



Co-founders of Vice, Suroosh Alvi and Shane Smith at Powerhouse Arena in New York. The digital disruption that is transforming the news and entertainment businesses has led to many odd alliances, but few seem more incongruous than one that would join Vice, which started as a free magazine in 1994, with a corporate media conglomerate.

(Casey Kelbaugh/The New York Times)

a generation of consumers who are more attached to their mobile phones than to traditional television.

The executives covet Vice's unruly, DIY sensibility - "News from the edge" is the tagline for its 30-minute weekly program on HBO - and, above all, the connection it has established with its core audience of young men.

Now that he is in conversations that could net his company hundreds of millions of dollars, Smith, nor-

Bearded and bearish, Smith looks as if he belongs at a Viking feast, drinking mead from his helmet. Instead, he was sipping chilled Chablis poured by an assistant.

Fox, Disney and Time Warner all declined to comment. Deals that join heavily hyped digital companies with large media conglomerates do not always end well. News Corp. bought the website Myspace for \$580 million in 2005, and sold it six years later for \$35

paid for by companies like Intel and AT&T.

Vice got its first taste for television when it started producing its weekly news-magazine show for HBO last year. It recently broadcast the final episode of its second season, featuring reports from crime-ridden Camden, New Jersey, and refugee camps in Chad and Darfur. (In last year's infamous finale, Rodman and three members of the Harlem Globetrotters played before Kim Jong-

Suicide attacker strikes near cafe south of Beirut

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BEIRUT (AP) — A suicide bomber detonated an explosives-packed vehicle near a checkpoint and a cafe in a neighborhood south of Lebanon's capital early Tuesday, causing several casualties, a Lebanese security official and witnesses said.

The explosion occurred just after midnight near the Abu Assaf cafe, where people had gathered to watch World Cup matches. An Associated Press reporter on the scene said he saw at least two wounded people. The state-run National News Agency said 12 people were wounded.

A security official said the blast near the Shatila area was caused by a suicide car bomb attacker and said at least five people were wounded. He spoke on condition of anonymity in line with military regulations. The area is a stronghold of the Shiite militant Hezbollah group.

It was the second explosion in a week and comes amid mounting regional

tensions over dramatic events in nearby Iraq, where the al-Qaida splin-

bomber detonated his explosives-laden car near a police checkpoint in

sleeping cells on Friday, sparked fears of renewed violence in a country

and inflamed sectarian tensions. A series of car bombs have struck Shiite areas across Lebanon, killing dozens of people.

However, the last explosion to hit Lebanon before Friday's occurred on March 29, when a suicide bomber in an explosives-laden car targeted a Lebanese army checkpoint near the Syrian border, killing three people.

Hard-line Sunni groups have claimed responsibility for the attacks against Shiite areas, saying they are meant to punish the Lebanese Shiite Hezbollah movement for fighting alongside Syrian President Bashar Assad's troops in Syria.

After Friday's bombing, troops began enforcing strict measures at all entrances to Beirut's southern suburbs, a Hezbollah stronghold, setting up checkpoints and searching cars.

The Lebanese are deeply divided over the civil war in Syria, with Sunnis largely backing the insurgency and Shiites siding with Assad. □



Lebanese army and citizens gather at the site of a car bombing in a southern suburb of Beirut, Lebanon, Tuesday, June 24, 2014. A powerful car bomb explosion rocked a neighborhood south of the Lebanese capital Tuesday, causing several casualties, a Lebanese security official and witnesses said.
(AP Photo/Bilal Hussein)

ter group Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant has seized large chunks of territory in the country's north and west.

On Friday, a suicide

eastern Lebanon, killing a policeman and wounding several other people.

The bombings, coupled with the detention in Beirut of alleged militant

which has been buffeted by the conflict in neighboring Syria.

Syria's civil war has spilled into neighboring Lebanon on multiple occasions

Outcry after Egypt sentences 3 reporters to prison

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CAIRO (AP) — An Egyptian court on Monday convicted three Al-Jazeera journalists and sentenced them to seven years in prison on terrorism-related charges after a trial dismissed by rights groups as a politically motivated sham. The verdict brought a landslide of international condemnation and calls for the newly elected president to intervene.

The ruling stunned the defendants and their families, many of whom had hoped their loved ones would be released because of international pressure on the case. U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, who a day earlier had discussed the case in a meeting with President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, denounced the verdict as "chilling and draconian."

The unprecedented trial of journalists on terror charges was tied up in the government's fierce crackdown on Islamists and the Muslim Brotherhood since the ouster last year of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi by el-Sissi, then the army chief. Further fueling accusations that the trial was politically motivated is the Egyptian government's deep enmity with the Gulf nation Qatar, which was a close ally of Morsi and which owns the Al-Jazeera network.

Prosecutors had accused the three — Australian Peter Greste, Canadian-Egyptian Mohamed Fahmy and Egyptian Baher Mohammed — of promoting or belonging to the Brotherhood and of falsifying their coverage of protests by Morsi's supporters to hurt Egypt's security and make it appear the country is sliding into civil

war. The government has branded the Brotherhood a terrorist organization.

The journalists, who were detained in December, say they are being prosecuted simply for doing their job and are pawns in the political rivalry. During the 5-month trial, prosecutors presented no evidence backing the charges, at times citing random video footage found with the defendants that even the judge dismissed as irrelevant. They depicted typical activity like editing as a sign of falsification.

Mohammed, the team's producer, had three years added to his 7-year sentence for possessing ammunition, based on a single spent cartridge he picked up at a protest as a souvenir. A Dutch freelance journalist — who did not work for Al-Jazeera but met Fahmy once for tea at the hotel where the team lived

and worked — received a 10-year prison sentence. She and two British Al-

Jazeera journalists who got the same sentence were tried in absentia. □

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Ukraine:

Pro-Russian rebels match government cease-fire

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DONETSK, Ukraine - Pro-Russian separatists declared a cease-fire Monday in a surprise move that they said they hoped would lead to a settlement of the conflict in eastern Ukraine.

The announcement came as rebel leaders met with representatives of the Ukrainian government in Kiev, including the former president Leonid Kuchma, as well as the Russian ambassador to Ukraine, and a representative of the acting chairman of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

"In answer to the cease-fire by Kiev, we commit to a cease-fire from our side," said Alexander Borodai, the prime minister of the self-declared Donetsk People's Republic.

Borodai, a Russian citizen, said the cease-fire would last until Friday, matching the timeline of the cease-fire announced last week by the new Ukraine president, Petro Poroshenko.

"We also hope that in the time of this bilateral cease-fire," Borodai continued, "we can agree to begin consultations about the introduction of negotiations about a peaceful settlement of this conflict."

The officials met in Donetsk, the regional capital, on the 11th floor of the regional administration building, which had been seized by separatist rebels and remains under their control.

An aide to Borodai said talks would continue Tuesday. Poroshenko declared a unilateral cease-fire Friday by government troops clashing with rebels in the

country's embattled east and unveiled a peace plan to bring an end to the conflict.

The plan proposed amnesty for rebel fighters who had not committed serious crimes, as well as safe

Russia gave cautious support to the peace plan, but said it must lead to talks between both sides. At the same time, the United States said last week that it had evidence that Russia was preparing to

opportunity for the two sides to forge a more lasting agreement for the first time since gunmen seized cities throughout eastern Ukraine more than two months ago.

Maintaining a truce in



A girl says goodbye to her friend, a volunteer, before they are sent to the eastern part of Ukraine to join the ranks of special battalion "Azov", during a ceremony to take the oath of allegiance to Ukraine, in Kiev, Ukraine, Monday, June 23, 2014.

(AP Photo/Sergei Chuzavkov)

passage for those who wanted to return home to Russia. It also called for decentralization of the national government, which would allow for greater self-rule in the east, though the details of that plan are not yet final.

The plan, however, did not call for negotiations between the government and the separatist leaders of the self-declared republics - a step that Poroshenko had ruled out in his campaign and since his inauguration on June 6.

President Vladimir Putin of

send more tanks and artillery to the fighters in eastern Ukraine.

President Barack Obama spoke by telephone Monday with Putin, their first known conversation since a conversation at the D-Day anniversary commemoration in France this month. The White House said Obama pressed Putin to aid Poroshenko's efforts to defuse the crisis.

With tentative support from Russia and Ukraine's Western allies, including the United States, the cease-fire provides a brief

eastern Ukraine will not be easy. There is little trust between the government in Kiev and the patchwork of militias and rebellious political organizations that have laid siege to the east. Rebel leaders, including Borodai, had previously accused Kiev of violating its own cease-fire, and intermittent fighting between Ukrainian forces and rebel troops has continued since Friday. Those present at Monday's meeting called it a "consultation," and underlined that the talks were not negotiations. □

China: 32 terror groups smashed with crackdown

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese authorities said Monday they broke up 32 terror groups and arrested more than 380 suspects in the far west in the first month of a crackdown aimed at demonstrating the Communist Party's resolve to maintain order in a borderland hit by recent unrest. Many suspects received rapid trials and stiff sentences, including death penalties.

Security forces also seized several hundred explosive devices, a few tons of explosive material and computers and books about terrorism and religious extremism, officials from the Xinjiang region told reporters.

The crackdown follows a string of high-profile attacks on civilians since late October that have handed Communist Party leader Xi Jinping a major security challenge during his first year and a half in office. Last month, a market bombing killed 43 people in the region's capital, Urumqi.

Authorities have responded to the attacks by taking an even harder line toward the already tightly controlled region, overshadowing the government's promises of creating more jobs and educational opportunities for the region. Officials have made a flurry of announcements of prosecutions, arresting scores of suspects and putting them through swift trials resulting in heavy sentences. In some cases of unrest, police have fatally shot alleged assailants, including 13 people who authorities said tried to ram a police station in Kashgar prefecture on Saturday. □



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Malaysia court upholds 'Allah' ban for non-Muslims: Report

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Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Malaysia's top court weighed in Monday on the country's longstanding fight over the word "Allah," saying non-Muslims cannot use it to refer to God. But the government said hours later the judgment applied only to one newspaper at the center of the case, adding still more confusion to a deeply divisive debate over religious freedom in the Muslim-majority country.

In a 4-3 ruling, the Federal Court upheld a government ban on the use of the word Allah by non-Muslims in a case against The Herald, a Catholic Malay-language weekly. The court did not elaborate on the implication of its ruling, but the government issued a tersely worded statement saying it only applied to The Herald and that Malaysian Christians can still use the word Allah in churches.

The government statement appeared to be an attempt to diffuse tensions in the nation of 29 million people, including a large non-Muslim minority that has often complained that it is treated unfairly in jobs and education and is denied full freedom of religion.

Government officials declined to clarify whether the ban would apply to Bibles and other published texts, as appeared to be the case in last year's ruling by the Court of Appeals that banned The Herald from using Allah. The church had asked the Federal Court to overturn the ban, but the court decided not to hear the challenge, declaring that the lower court's decision had been correct. Earlier this year, 300 Malay-language Bibles containing the word Allah were seized by Islamic authorities from the office of a Christian group. "We are disappointed. The four judges who denied us the right to appeal did not touch on fundamental basic rights of minorities," said the Rev. Lawrence Andrew, editor of The Herald. He said the ruling would have a chilling effect on the freedom of religion guaranteed in the constitution. "It will confine the freedom of worship," he said. "We are a minority in this country, and when our rights are curtailed, people feel it."

The law doesn't clearly stipulate the penalty for violating the ban, but it appears that a newspaper using the term would lose its publishing license.

The government says Allah should be reserved exclusively for Muslims, who account for nearly two-thirds of the population, arguing that if other religions use the term, it could confuse Muslims and lead them to convert away from Islam. Christian leaders deny this, arguing that the ban is unreasonable because Christians who speak the Malay language have long used the word in their Bibles, prayers and songs. Christians make up about 9 percent of the population. "This is a sad state of affairs that shows how far and fast religious tolerance is falling in Malaysia," said Phil Robertson, a spokesman for New York-based Human Rights Watch. "The Malaysian government should be working to promote freedom of religion rather politically exploiting religious wedge issues." □

South Korea: Soldier accused of killing 5 captured

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— The South Korean army captured a soldier Monday who it says killed five comrades and then fled into the forest where he holed up with a rifle for two days before shooting himself as pursuers closed in. The massive manhunt ended when the 22-year-

er. Soldiers retrieved Yim's rifle and ammunition at the site.

South Koreans have worried about public safety in the wake of an April ferry disaster that left more than 300 people dead or missing. And some in Seoul have questioned the discipline and readiness of South Korea's military in the face of near-constant

Korean soldier was wounded by suspected friendly fire.

Earlier Monday, troops surrounding Yim in the forest tossed him a mobile phone so he could talk to his father. They also threw him bread and bottled water. His parents went to the area to try to persuade him to surrender.

It wasn't clear what trig-



A wounded South Korean soldier who killed five comrades in a shooting incident on a stretcher is carried to a hospital in Gangneung, South Korea, Monday, June 23, 2014. The South Korean army captured the soldier Monday who it says killed five comrades and then fled into the forest where he holed up with a rifle for two days before shooting himself as pursuers closed in.

(AP Photo/Yonhap, Lee Sang-hack)

old sergeant, surnamed Yim, shot himself in the upper left chest as his father and brother approached, pleading with him to surrender, a Defense Ministry official said. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of department rules, said Yim was taken to a hospital but his life wasn't in danger. He didn't elaborate.

Defense Ministry spokesman Kim Min-seok said the soldier would be handed to military investigators lat-

threats from North Korea, which has recently staged missile and artillery drills, traded fire with the South at sea and threatened South Korea's leader.

Troops had been chasing Yim since authorities said he killed five fellow soldiers and wounded seven Saturday night. He then fled his frontline unit with his standard-issue K2 assault rifle. He fired Sunday on the soldiers chasing him, injuring a platoon leader. On Monday, officials said a South

gered the rampage; there was no indication that South Korea's bitter rival, North Korea, was involved. Yim was scheduled to complete his nearly two years of mandatory military service in September, according to defense officials.

Initial personality tests in April of last year put Yim within a group of soldiers who need special attention and are unfit for frontline duty, according to the Defense Ministry. □

Cuba downgrades 2014 GDP forecast to 1.4%

HAVANA (AP) — Cuba has revised its 2014 economic growth forecast downward to 1.4 percent, Communist Party newspaper Granma said Monday, nearly a point off previous projections of 2.2 percent. Economy Minister Adel Yzquierdo attributed the downgrade to lagging foreign income, adverse climatic conditions and "internal insufficiencies

that our economy continues to confront," Granma said. The downgrade came in a midyear report by the Council of Ministers. President Raul Castro acknowledged that the adjusted figure shows Cuba's economy is not growing at the desired pace, according to Granma. Yzquierdo said officials predict growth for the first half

of 2014 will come in at just 0.6 percent, and "greater dynamism in the second semester" is needed. Cuba says GDP grew 2.7 percent last year. In 2010, Castro said Cuba's economy was in a critical situation and began implementing a package of economic reforms. They have included decentralizing state-owned enterprises, legaliz-

ing real-estate and used-car markets and allowing more people to legally go into business for themselves. The czar of the reforms, Vice President Marino Murillo, said in the Ministers' gathering that 467,000 people have registered as small-business owners or employees. Some 498 nonagricultural cooperatives have been licensed. □

CARIBBEAN NEWS BEAT

Jamaica will push island on bamboo

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Jamaica hopes to kick-start a local bamboo industry as the tropical plant becomes more common in flooring, furniture and household accessories. The state minister for industry ministry says plans calls for bamboo factories to be built in four zones on the Caribbean island. Sharon Folkes Abrahams says Jamaica's resources of bamboo and underdeveloped lands can provide "significant potential for economic advancement through job creation and poverty reduction." In recent years, fast-growing bamboo has been touted as a top sustainable construction material by green advocates from South America to Africa. Jamaica already has an estimated 47,000 hectares (116,140 acres) of bamboo. The non-native plant can be seen covering hillsides in many rural spots of the island.

Puerto Rico rejects Doral Bank battle

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Puerto Rico's Supreme Court has declined to get involved in a \$230 million battle between the local government and one of the island's biggest banks. But it's telling a lower court to make a quick ruling in the case. Doral Financial Corp. had asked the court to intervene in its appeal of a recent lower court ruling that the dispute should be resolved through an administrative process with Puerto Rico's Treasury Department. Doral Bank maintains it is owed a \$230 million refund in overpaid taxes, but the government announced in May that it was nullifying the multimillion-dollar agreement in part because the statute of limitations had run out. The island's Supreme Court stated that an appellate court should hold a hearing and issue a ruling on or before Thursday. □

Argentina to meet with judge on debt talks

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Argentina representatives met with a U.S. judge on Monday to start negotiations aimed at ending a more than decade-old battle over \$1.5 billion in debts. Cabinet Chief Jorge Capitanich said on Monday that Argentina will make a formal presentation to U.S. District Judge Thomas Griesa in hopes of resolving the nation's unpaid debts. The creditors include hedge bond holders who recently won a victory in the U.S. Supreme Court for repayment of bonds that Argentina defaulted on in 2001. The representatives will also seek equal treatment for some 92 percent of creditors who joined 2005 and 2010 debt swaps as well as for the remaining 7 percent of holdouts who didn't sue Argentina or who weren't part of the winning case. Economy Minister Axel Kicillof said Argentine representatives will ask judge Griesa to suspend a ruling that says that if Argentina doesn't give the plaintiffs all the money they're due, it can't use U.S. banks to make its other interest pay-



Argentina's Economy Minister Axel Kicillof talks to the media during a news conference to explain the recent U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on Argentina's bond default and discuss how the government plans to proceed, in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Argentina representatives met with a U.S. judge on Monday to start negotiations aimed at ending a more than decade-old battle over \$1.5 billion in debts. (AP Photo/Eduardo Di Baia)

ments, which are due June 30. "We believe a suspension measure is essential so Argentina can continue to pay all of its restructured

bondholders normally," Kicillof said. "And we can continue the dialogue that we need under equal conditions so that 100 percent

of the creditors can be paid, especially those that we have restructured and that we need to pay in the coming date." □

2 dead in shootout with Brazil police, drug gang

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Two suspected drug traffickers were killed and three others were injured during a shootout with police in a Rio de Janeiro slum frequently visited by tourists, authorities said Monday. A police officer was killed in the same slum in what appeared to be an unrelated attack. In one of the incidents, a fire in the Alemao

complex of slums hugging the highway that leads to Rio's international airport began late Sunday night when officers on patrol were met with heavy gunfire, the police said in a statement. Two gang members were injured in the exchange and rushed to a local hospital, where they later died. Two police officers and an adolescent boy sustained injuries. Ear-

lier on Sunday, in an apparently unrelated attack, a 30-year-old police officer in Alemao was shot in the face when he was surprised by a group of armed traffickers. He died in the hospital Monday morning. Alemao has long been a hub for criminal activity but was occupied by police in 2010 as part of an effort to clean up and boost investment in the more than

1,000 shantytowns in Rio ahead of the World Cup and the 2016 Olympics. Since the slum's so-called pacification, its overhead cable cars have become a major destination for foreigners looking to get away from Rio's sun-filled beaches and tourist landmarks and catch a glimpse of how the city's poorer, largely minority population lives. □



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nier. They felt that the hotel area could use a place to eat and enjoy sport games at the same time. Another local person at the Touchdown Sports bar and grill is the master chef: Stephen Koolman, With his experience leave it up to him to prepare the extensive menu from appetizers, a choice of main courses with the best types of meat directly from the grill to delicious deserts. Hubert Jr., himself, a well-known sports Director on the island, will monitor the times of the games around the world and make sure the best games will be on the Touchdown Sports bar and grill huge TV screens. Pass by and enjoy this new locally run sports bar and grill! □

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San Antonio Spurs' Tim Duncan shows fans five fingers representing the five NBA basketball titles the Spurs and Duncan have won, during a parade and celebration Wednesday, June 18, 2014, in San Antonio.

Associated Press

AP Source: Duncan back for Spurs in 2014-15

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI
AP Basketball Writer

Tim Duncan could have easily gone out on top, with his fifth NBA championship trophy under his arm and his health intact just a few months after his 38th birthday.

There's just no way. Duncan is having too much fun with his San Antonio Spurs coaches and teammates, and he's playing too well to call it quits now.

Duncan has decided to exercise the option on his contract for 2014-15 and will return next season, a person with knowledge of the decision told The Associated Press on Monday. The person requested anonymity because an official announcement has not been made.

As the Spurs beat the two-time defending champion Miami Heat in the NBA Finals earlier this month, Duncan was asked several times about his future, as he has been for the last five or six years.

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ALL IS FER

Dutch now 3-0, beat Chile to top Group B

Netherlands' Leroy Fer celebrates scoring the opening goal during the group B World Cup soccer match between the Netherlands and Chile at the Itaquerao Stadium in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Monday, June 23, 2014.

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The maturation of Michelle Wie, major champion

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

PINEHURST, North Carolina (AP) — Michelle Wie

put her table-top putting stance to good use in the late hours after she became a U.S. Women's Open champion.

In a photo she posted to Instagram, Wie is bent over so sharply that her back is parallel to the ground. Only instead of a hitting a putt — like the 25-footer for birdie on the 17th hole at Pinehurst No. 2 that clinched her first major — her head is buried in the Women's Open trophy.

A text message to Meg Mallon would seem to confirm what she was doing.

"She said, 'It takes 21 1/2 beers to fill up the U.S. Open trophy,'" Mallon said Monday.

The maturation of the 24-year-old from Hawaii has been fascinating to watch.

She was a 12-year-old with chubby cheeks and braces who stood behind the 18th green at the Sony Open and talked about her dream of playing the Masters.



Michelle Wie poses with the trophy after winning the U.S. Women's Open golf tournament in Pinehurst, N.C., Sunday, June 22, 2014.

Associated Press

Wie played in the final group of an LPGA major when she was in the eighth grade.

She had a chance to win three majors when she was 16. She shot a 68 on the PGA Tour to miss the cut by one shot at age 14, which inspired her to compete against the men and invited sharp criticism when she couldn't even beat the women.

No one moved the needle

like Wie in women's golf.

And perhaps no other female athlete, especially one so young, endured so much condemnation. To her credit — and her parents deserve credit for this, too — she never lashed back at those who questioned the path she chose. Wie reached the ultimate destination Sunday, even if she never could have imagined how she would get there. Stardom includ-

ed a detour to two stages of Q-school, just so she could become a part-time player while attending — and eventually graduating — from Stanford.

"This is exactly where I wanted to be," Wie said on the eve of the final round at Pinehurst. "When I was 15 and 16, I think the troubles that I came into when I was younger is that I tried to plan my life, and a lot of times things don't happen

the way they should — or the way they should in my mind."

She had a road map at 15?

"Oh, yeah," she replied, smiling at a room full of reporters. "Don't you all?"

It would be easy to suggest that Wie arrived as the player everyone thought she could be when the final putt fell for a two-shot victory, just moment before the church bells began ringing at Pinehurst.

She arrived much earlier. She won in Hawaii earlier this year. She was in the last group at a major. She was a contender just about every week.

"This was just the exclamation point," Mallon said.

Mallon won her fourth major 10 years ago at the U.S. Women's Open, the same year she first got to know a tall teen from Hawaii who could hit the ball a mile. She saw a prodigy. She also saw a girl.

"I adore the kid," Mallon said. "We were paired in a pro-am when she was 14 and we had a blast. We were challenging each other with short-game shots and we made a bet. She said, 'If I win, I get to put streaks in my hair.' I went over to Bo (Wie's mother) and asked if that was OK. She won and put streaks in her hair that afternoon."

Wie's game recently was questioned last August when she was a captain's pick for the Solheim Cup — by Mallon — over a player who had won that year and was ahead of Wie in the standings. Mallon called it a "no-brainer" because she needed someone who could handle the big stage. Few knew it better.

"I was looking at picks about three weeks out and Michelle came up and said, 'Gosh, Meg, I know I'm six months away from where I want to be. I am so close.' And you kind of look now at where she is," Mallon said.

Wie is leading the LPGA Tour money list, approaching \$1.6 million. She had never earned over \$1 million in a season. □

Duncan

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He was noncommittal, saying he would take some time after the season ended to mull his decision.

But after Game 5, most of the Spurs said they expected the group to return and now Duncan has reached his decision, which was first reported by Yahoo! Sports. He will make about \$10.3 million next season in the final year of a two-year agreement that was drawn up specifically to allow the Spurs the financial flexibility to surround Duncan with top-shelf talent.

"He feels a responsibility to his teammates," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said after the team won the championship. "He enjoys them. He wants to hang around as long as he can while he's useful and while he's having an impact on the game. He



San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan (21) celebrates after Game 5 of the NBA basketball finals on Sunday, June 15, 2014, in San Antonio.

Associated Press

takes care of his body. He works out all summer long with a variety of different things, boxing, swimming. He's very careful about what he puts in his body, so he does everything he can to maintain a level of play. "At some point," Popovich

added, "that will stop."

But not this year.

When Duncan looked around at the Spurs, he saw every reason to come back and try to do just about the only thing the Spurs haven't done during his 17 years there - win

back-to-back titles.

In Popovich he has perhaps the best coach in the game, one who has established a culture of teamwork, success and stability that is unparalleled in the league. In Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili, he has two trusted teammates who have been by his side for years, have sacrificed money, fame and statistics right along with him to build the Spurs organization into the envy of the NBA.

And in Finals MVP Kawhi Leonard, Duncan has a young, fresh-faced star on the rise to carry more of the load as the Big Three get older.

"With the front office putting the teams together that we've had and us playing smaller roles and our roles changing over the years, and us happy to accept the roles that we're in, I feel we can do it until we feel we don't want to do it anymore," Duncan said two weeks ago. □

Dutch beat Chile 2-0 to top Group B

MIKE CORDER

Associated Press

SAO PAULO (AP) — Two substitutes, two goals.

Netherlands coach Louis van Gaal can, it seems, do no wrong at this World Cup.

He sent on replacements Leroy Fer and Memphis Depay in the second half of the match against Chile on Monday and they scored both goals in a 2-0 win that confirmed the Dutch as Group B winners with a maximum nine points.

"It is luck," Van Gaal himself said about his super substitutions. "Just luck."

But it was more than that. Fer, listed by FIFA as 6 feet 2 inches (188 cm) tall, scored with a header a minute after coming on as a substitute for the 5-foot-6-inch (171 cm) Wesley Sneijder.

"I know Leroy Fer is tall compared with our opponents. I know he can head the ball well," Van Gaal said.

Then there was Depay.

"We analyzed that Chile in the last 15 minutes gives away more room," Van Gaal said. "If you have a creative player in at that moment, you have the chance to use that space." Manchester United, which hired Van Gaal to restore its fortunes after a disastrous season by the club's

lofty standards, must be delighted even if it has to wait a bit longer for him to join them after the World Cup.

Chile, one of the most attacking and attractive teams at the World Cup, had no answer at the Itaquero Stadium, especially not without midfielder Arturo Vidal who watched from the bench.

"I played the best team I had," said Chile coach Jorge Sampaoli.

Juventus star Vidal had knee surgery before the tournament and had a sore Achilles tendon but said a day before the match he felt fit and ready to play.

Both teams had already advanced to the second round, but Chile's first loss of the tournament consigned it to second place in Group B and a meeting with host Brazil in Belo Horizonte.

The Dutch next travel to Fortaleza to play Group A runner-up Mexico in the round of 16 on June 29.

Chile began with its trademark fast, attacking style while the Dutch, with a five-man defense, looked content to sit back, absorb the pressure and break out with swift counterattacks.

"We gave nothing away and fought like lions," stand-in captain Robben said. "Orange lions."



Netherlands' Memphis Depay celebrates scoring his side's second goal during the group B World Cup soccer match between the Netherlands and Chile at the Itaquero Stadium in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Monday, June 23, 2014.

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The match marked the first time at this World Cup the Netherlands had played in its national color, but the change of jerseys didn't change its fortunes.

Vidal's absence deprived Chile of midfield creativity and it struggled to break down the well-drilled Dutch defense.

Barcelona forward Alexis Sanchez tried to fill the gap left by Vidal, but couldn't find a way through. He came closest to scoring in the second half with a powerful shot that Jasper Cillessen easily blocked at his near post.

"I'm very proud of this team," Robben said. "If you see how we fought here today. We were right on top of them and gave them no chances."

The Netherlands was play-

ing without suspended captain and striker Robin van Persie and was also missing defender Bruno Martins Indi, who suffered a concussion in the team's last match, a tough 3-2 victory over Australia in Porto Alegre.

No problem for inspirational coach Van Gaal, who pulled a tactical surprise with his starting lineup — reverting to the 5-3-2 formation he began with against Spain and posting veteran forward Dirk Kuyt, in his 99th international, at left back.

"I enjoyed it," Kuyt said. "I never played in this position but the coach told me a couple of weeks ago that it could be a possibility during the tournament and I told him that I would be ready for it and I was very happy I get the chance. I

think it went very well and hopefully I will get another chance."

Then came Van Gaal's substitutions.

Fer headed in powerfully and Depay doubled his World Cup tally in stoppage time. Robben delayed his cross from the left cleverly until the PSV Eindhoven striker arrived at the far post — also delaying his run by a split second to shrug off his marker — to tap in an inch-perfect pass. "He is a huge talent and great for the future of Dutch football," Fer said of Depay.

Robben said that after three wins out of three, the Dutch squad is hungry for more. "We can enjoy this fantastic performance, but it must not stop here," he said. □

Neymar leads Brazil; Mexico also through

RAF CASERT

AP Sports Writer

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Brazil relied on its star Neymar for two early goals to beat Cameroon 4-1 Monday and reach the World Cup's knockout stage for a South American showdown against Chile, a 2-0 loser to the Netherlands.

Winning Group B with its third straight victory made sure that the Dutch avoided the host so early in the tournament. Instead, the Netherlands will face Mexico, which beat Croatia 3-1 to

advance alongside Brazil from Group A. Spain beat Australia 3-0 in an inconsequential game between already eliminated teams, a victory providing a little balm on the disappointing defense of its title. With free-flowing games and buckets full of goals the rule in this outstanding tournament, it took until the final minutes of the Group A games for Brazil to make sure it advanced as group leader on goal difference over Mexico.

"We are progressing match after match and that's im-

portant," Brazil coach Luiz Felipe Scolari said. Both finished with seven points, with Croatia eliminated with three points, while Cameroon finished with three losses. Brazil finished first because it had a better goal differential than Mexico, plus 5 to plus 3. The Netherlands was the first perfect team to advance, finishing ahead of Chile in Group B. Spain had three points with Monday's win, and Australia had three losses. Beyond the statistics, it again was Neymar who fully lived up



Brazil's Neymar, center, scores his side's 2nd goal during the group A World Cup soccer match between Cameroon and Brazil at the Estadio Nacional in Brasilia, Brazil, Monday, June 23, 2014.

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to expectations of the 200 million football fans in Brazil with flair and lethal finishing, making the difference with

first-half strikes against an African opponent that fought hard for one half before succumbing. □

Murray soaks it in as Wimbledon welcomes him back

HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

LONDON (AP) — It had been, famously, more than 75 years since a British man arrived at Wimbledon as the defending champion. So Andy Murray took a moment — and, really, only a moment — to take in the sights and sounds Monday at Centre Court as nearly 15,000 spectators, including Shaquille O'Neal up in the Royal Box, rose to greet him with a raucous standing ovation.

Murray's parents and grandparents were present. So, of course, was his much-discussed recent choice as coach, Amelie Mauresmo. The other player, 105th-ranked David Goffin of Belgium, was little more than a bystander for all of the proceedings, which wrapped up a little more than two hours after they began with a 6-1, 6-4, 7-5 victory for Murray.

"I was pretty nervous and stuff before the match. Then when you're walking to the court — I have a lot of memories obviously from last year. To come to the court and get that reception, it was very nice," said Murray, who last year became the first man from Britain since Fred Perry in 1936 to win the nation's prestigious tennis tournament.



Andy Murray of Britain plays a return to David Goffin of Belgium during their first round match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Monday, June 23, 2014.
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That title for Perry was his third in a row at the All England Club, but he did not try for another one in 1937. Murray heeded advice from Mauresmo, the 2006 women's champion at Wimbledon, who told him to soak in everything while walking out to play because, as he put it, "You never know if you'll get the chance to do it again." He responded to the crowd's reaction with a quick wave and a glance

around the arena. "Enjoyed it for the walk to the chair," Murray said. "Then when I sat down, it was time to get on with business." Certainly took care of that. He was crisp and clean, finishing with only 10 unforced errors and saving the only two break points he faced. He pounded serves at up to 131 mph (211 kph) and returned Goffin's not-quite-as-fast offerings with ease. All the while, the fans

roared for his winners and groaned as a group when their man lost points, no matter how or what significance. They gasped when Murray's leg buckled a bit and he slipped to the fresh turf in the third game. He rose to his feet quickly and won that point, part of racing to a 3-0 lead.

No matter the attention and expectations heaped on him by a nation, Murray handles it quite well, particularly when's on the court.

Even when he's away from the action, he's been at ease, pausing less than two hours before Monday's match to oblige a fan's request to pose for a selfie.

"I always say the buildup to the tournament is the hardest part. Once the tournament starts, it's fine," said the third-seeded Murray, whose other Grand Slam title came at the 2012 U.S. Open. "I mean, I say it every year. I don't turn the TV on. I don't watch too much of the tennis. I don't read any of the papers. I don't go online. I just avoid it, concentrate on playing."

The man he beat in last year's final, No. 1-seeded Novak Djokovic, won in similarly easy fashion on Day 1, taking the first 11 games and never facing a break point en route to

beating 56th-ranked Andrey Golubev of Kazakhstan 6-0, 6-1, 6-4.

"A great start," said Djokovic, the 2011 champion.

All in all, it was a relatively quiet start to a tournament that a year ago was as tumultuous as ever, including exits by the end of the second round for past champions Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Maria Sharapova. That trio, along with five-time champion and No. 1-seeded Serena Williams, play their opening matches Tuesday.

Williams' older sister Venus won Monday, her first victory at Wimbledon since 2011. But there were losses for 2011 U.S. Open champion Samantha Stosur, 18th-seeded Sloane Stephens and 27th-seeded Garbine Muguruza, the 20-year-old Spaniard who surprisingly beat Serena Williams in the second round of the French Open last month.

Three lower-seeded men lost, too: No. 18 Fernando Verdasco, No. 25 Andrea Seppi and No. 31 Vasek Pospisil.

Stephens had reached at least the fourth round at six consecutive Grand Slam tournaments, the longest active streak for a woman, but she ran up against a former top-10 player in Maria Kirilenko and was beaten 6-2, 7-6 (6). □

Judge: Family trust clear about removing Sterling

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With a \$2 billion sale of the Los Angeles Clippers hanging in the balance, a judge suggested Monday that the terms of a family trust are clear enough to remove Donald Sterling as a trustee and allow his estranged wife to sell the team without his consent.

At one point, Superior Court Judge Michael Levanas said the Sterlings' trust agreement is so unambiguous that "I could decide this case in five minutes."

At the center of the volatile court battle are reports from three doctors who examined the 80-year-old Sterling and found he shows symptoms of early

Alzheimer's disease and dementia. His lawyers argued he should be able to call his own experts at a trial set for July 7.

The judge said the trust agreement provides that if two doctors examined Sterling and found he lacked the capacity to manage his own affairs, he would be removed as a trustee. There is no provision to contest the decision, he said.

"I don't know why you want the court involved at all," he told lawyers.

But by the end of a hearing in probate court, Levanas agreed to allow lawyers to submit written arguments and scheduled a hearing for June 30 ahead of the

trial.

Sterling's wife, Shelly, is trying to sell the team to former Microsoft executive Steve Ballmer, whose offer will expire on Sept. 15. NBA owners are to meet July 15 to vote on the deal.

Shelly Sterling struck the potentially record-breaking deal with Ballmer after Donald Sterling's racist remarks to a girlfriend were recorded and publicized. The NBA moved to oust him as team owner, fined him \$2.5 million and banned him for life.

Donald Sterling has sued the NBA for \$1 billion in federal court, alleging that the league violated his constitutional rights, committed

breach of contract and violated antitrust laws. Sterling has also hired four private investigation firms to

dig up potential dirt on the NBA's former and current commissioner and its owners for the case. □



In this Nov. 12, 2010, file photo, Shelly Sterling sits with her husband, Donald Sterling, right, during the Los Angeles Clippers' NBA basketball game against the Detroit Pistons in Los Angeles.
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Hasek, Modano, Forsberg, Blake headed for Hall

LARRY LAGE
AP Hockey Writer

Dominik Hasek, Mike Modano, Peter Forsberg and Rob Blake started playing hockey in four different countries as kids.

They will enter the Hockey Hall of Fame together.

"This tells me that our game is growing, our game is growing worldwide," John Davidson, chairman of the Hockey Hall of Fame selection committee, said Monday. "When we have a class like this coming into the hall, I think that says a lot about our game and how worldwide it is."

The four players will be inducted Nov. 17 in Toronto along with former referee Bill McCreary and the late Pat Burns, who will be enshrined posthumously as a coach in the builder category. Hasek, who was known as "the Dominator," won the Vezina Trophy as the NHL's top goaltender six times, tying Bill Durnan's total and trailing Jacques Plante's record by one. He won two Hart Trophies as league MVP in 1997 and 1998 with the Buffalo Sabres, becoming the first to win the award from his position since Plante did it in 1962. Hasek also helped the Czech Republic win gold at the 1998 Olympics — the first with NHL players — several years after he almost left the world's top league. "I was thinking about going back to Europe because I was in the minors, playing for the Indianapolis Ice," Hasek recalled, referring to the Chicago Blackhawks' affiliate.

"But I got a chance to play in 1992 and it was the best thing that could happen for me because in Buffalo, I got a chance to play."

The Sabres traded him to Detroit nearly a decade later and he helped the Detroit Red Wings hoist the Stanley Cup in 2002. Hasek becomes the seventh player from that team to be elected to the Hall of Fame as a player and it was led by Hall of Fame coach Scotty Bowman. Hasek was a backup in 2008 when Detroit won another championship. Modano ended his career with his home-state Red Wings after leaving Michigan to play in Canada at the age of 15, a move that seemed to pay off. He finished with records for American-born players — 561 goals and 1,374 points — and helped the Dallas Stars win the Cup in 1999 against the Hasek-led Sabres. Modano was drafted No. 1 overall in 1988 by the Minnesota North Stars after playing juniors with the Prince Albert Raiders in the Western Hockey League.

"It was a tough decision to leave Detroit, to leave home," he recalled. "I thought Canada was the best place to go for competition."

Canada was home for Blake, who was born in Simcoe, Ontario. He helped his country win it all at the Olympics in 2002, earning a place in the Triple Gold Club that includes only players with a Cup, Olympic and world gold medals. Blake won an NHL title with



Former Dallas Stars Mike Modano smiles as he answers reporters questions during a media availability Monday, June 23, 2014, in Dallas.

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the Colorado Avalanche in 2001 after winning one Norris Trophy as the league's top defenseman in 1998 while playing for the Los Angeles Kings.

Forsberg, a smooth-skating, slick-shooting Swede, is also in the Triple Gold Club. He won two championships in Colorado and helped Sweden win gold at the 2006 Olympics. Philadelphia drafted Forsberg with the No. 6 overall pick in 1991 and traded him to Quebec a year later in a

trade for Eric Lindros, and he played one season for the Nordiques before the franchise moved to Colorado. He had a great career, but it was stunted by several injuries. Burns, who coached the New Jersey Devils to the 2003 Stanley Cup title, died of cancer at 58 in 2010. The police officer-turned-hockey coach won the Adams Trophy as the NHL's top coach with three teams: Toronto, Montreal and Boston.

"It's a very emotional day

for the Burns family, I can tell you that, and I think it's a great day," said his wife, Lynn.

McCreary was an official for nearly 2,000 games, including 282 playoff games, from 1984 until he worked his last game on April 2, 2011. He also was an official in the 1998 and 2002 Olympic finals. Brendan Shanahan, Chris Chelios, Scott Niedermayer, Geraldine Heaney and the late Fred Shero were inducted last year. □

Virginia lawmakers form 'Redskins Pride Caucus'

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) -- Three Virginia state lawmakers are forming a "Redskins Pride Caucus" to defend the Washington, D.C.-based football team that's come under pressure to change its name.

Last month, 50 U.S. senators sent a letter to the NFL urging it to change the name. And the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ruled

last week that the Redskins name is disparaging to Native Americans and that the team should be stripped of federal trademark protection.

Redskins owner Daniel Snyder has refused to change the name.

Fairfax Democratic Sen. Chap Petersen, Manassas Republican Delegate Jackson Miller and Loudon

Republican Delegate David Ramadan scheduled a news conference Monday at the Capitol to announce the caucus' formation.

In a news release, the lawmakers say their group would support "commercial freedom" in Virginia and oppose what they call Congress' "inappropriate involvement" in issues related to the Redskins. □

Cueto pitches Reds past Blue Jays 4-3

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REDS 4, BLUE JAYS 3

CINCINNATI (AP) — Johnny Cueto pitched eight effective innings as the Cincinnati Reds beat Toronto after Blue Jays stars Brett Lawrie and Jose Bautista exited early because of injuries. Lawrie sustained a broken right index finger when he was hit by a pitch in the second.

The team didn't immediately announce how long the infielder would be out. Bautista left because of tightness in his left leg. The All-Star outfielder had a single and a sacrifice bunt before leaving.

Cueto (7-5) gave up three runs — one earned — and leads the NL with a 1.86 ERA. Aroldis Chapman struck out the side in the ninth for his 13th save.

Todd Frazier broke a 2-all tie in the fifth with a two-run homer off R.A. Dickey (6-6). **METS 11, MARLINS 5**

MIAMI (AP) — Daniel Murphy hit a three-run homer as the New York Mets matched a season high with 17 hits to beat the slumping Miami Marlins. Jonathon Niese (4-4), who has been plagued by poor run support this year, won for the first time since May 22.

He allowed less than four earned runs for the 19th consecutive start, giving up three in six innings.



Cincinnati Reds starting pitcher Johnny Cueto throws against the Toronto Blue Jays in the first inning of a baseball game on Sunday, June 22, 2014, in Cincinnati.

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Niese drove in a run with a suicide squeeze bunt, and David Wright had an RBI for the sixth game in a row. Rookie Anthony DeSclafani (1-2), making his fourth major-league start, gave up seven runs in 3 2-3 innings and departed with a 7.59 ERA.

NATIONALS 4, BRAVES 1
WASHINGTON (AP) — Tanner Roark won his fourth straight start and Denard Span had an RBI double as the Washington Nationals beat Atlanta for a split of the four-game series between NL East rivals.

The Nationals improved to 3-7 against Atlanta. They

increased their division lead over the Braves to 1 1/2 games.

Roark (7-4) went 5 1-3 innings, allowing a run and four hits. Rafael Soriano pitched the ninth for his 17th save.

Atlanta's Evan Gattis went 0 for 3 to snap his 20-game hitting streak.

Ervin Santana (5-5) went six innings, giving up three runs and six hits.

CARDINALS 5, PHILLIES 3

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Mark Ellis drove in two runs, including the go-ahead score with a bunt, as the St. Louis Cardinals got a scoreless effort from their bullpen to beat

Philadelphia.

Ellis broke a 3-all tie with a safely squeeze bunt in the fourth.

He added an RBI single in the sixth. He is hitting .193 with 12 RBIs in 41 games.

Carlos Martinez (1-3) allowed three runs over five innings.

Nick Greenwood, Sam Freeman, Pat Neshek and Trevor Rosenthal combined for four innings of two-hit scoreless relief. Rosenthal got his 22nd save in 25 chances.

Cody Asche drove in all three Philadelphia runs with a bases-loaded double in the second. Jimmy Rol-

ins had a 15-game hitting streak snapped.

Kyle Kendrick (3-7) allowed five runs and eight hits in six innings.

PIRATES 2, CUBS 1

CHICAGO (AP) — Brandon Cumpton pitched seven scoreless innings and Travis Snider hit a solo homer as the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Cubs.

Cumpton (3-2) won his third straight decision. He allowed two hits and two walks while striking out four. Pirates closer Mark Melancon pitched the ninth for his 12th save in 15 chances. Gregory Polanco had his hitting streak snapped at 11 games.

The Pirates' rookie leadoff hitter had a hit in his first 11 major league games. He was 0 for 3 with a walk.

Jason Hammel (6-5) allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings.

BREWERS 6, ROCKIES 5

DENVER (AP) — Aramis Ramirez homered and drove in two runs as the Milwaukee Brewers continued their road dominance with a win over Colorado.

In other NL games it was N.Y. Mets 11, Miami 5; Cincinnati 4, Toronto 3; Washington 4, Atlanta 1; St. Louis 5, Philadelphia 3; Pittsburgh 2, Chicago Cubs 1; L.A. Dodgers 2, San Diego 1; Milwaukee 6, Colorado 5; and San Francisco 4, Arizona 1. □



Stars edge Sparks 72-69

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Danielle Robinson scored on a driving layup with 8.4 seconds remaining to give the San Antonio Stars a 72-69 victory over the Los Angeles Sparks on Sunday.

Robinson got the ball at the top of the key and converted from the left side. The Sparks missed a field goal attempt inside and were forced to foul on their next possession.

Robinson also scored on a

drive to tie it at 69 with 40 seconds left as the Stars (7-6) won their third game in a row. Robinson and Danielle Adams each scored 13 points, and Becky Hammon had 11.

Nneka Ogumike led the Sparks (4-8) with 24 points and 11 rebounds. Candace Parker had 17 points and eight rebounds and Jantel Lavender had 14 points and 13 rebounds.

STORM 89, MYSTICS 86, OT

SEATTLE (AP) — Camille Little scored nine of her 22 points in overtime to lead Seattle. Sue Bird added 21 points as the Storm (6-9) snapped a two-game losing streak. Bird hit a tying 3-pointer with 1:18 left in regulation. Rookie guard Bria Hartley scored a season-high 26 points for Washington (5-9), which lost for the fourth straight time. The teams traded the first two baskets of overtime before Little scooped one in while falling to the floor. That put the Storm on top 79-77 with 3:37 left, and they stayed ahead the rest of the way. □

Indiana Fever forward Eriana Larkins, right, attempts to steal the ball from Minnesota Lynx guard Lindsey Whalen, left, during the third quarter of a WNBA basketball game Sunday, June 22, 2014, in Minneapolis. Larkins picked up a foul on the play. Minnesota won 83-77.

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City tells app to stop auctions of parking spaces

TERRY COLLINS

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

San Francisco's city attorney issued a cease-and-desist demand Monday to a mobile app called Monkey Parking, which allows people to auction public parking spaces that they're using to other nearby drivers.

In a letter to Paolo Dobrowolny, the CEO of the Rome, Italy-based tech startup, city attorney Dennis Herrera cited a provision in San Francisco's police code that prohibits people and companies from buying, selling or leasing public on-street parking and mandates fees of up to \$300 for drivers who violate the law.

Herrera's warning to Monkey Parking is the latest attempt by city government officials and state lawmakers nationwide trying to figure out how to regulate Web-based businesses that offer shared parking, transportation and housing services using mobile applications. Among the more popular ridesharing services are Uber and Lyft, and popular housing apps include Airbnb.

The Monkey Parking app allows drivers to get an often elusive parking spot and sell it for \$5, \$10, even \$20, and then wait until the buyer arrives to take their place.

Herrera has given its creators until July 11 to shut down operations in San Francisco or possibly face a lawsuit under California's Unfair Competition Law. Herrera added that besides the violations, Monkey Parking's app encourages drivers to unsafely use their mobile devices and engage in online parking bidding wars while behind the wheel.

Dobrowolny said in an email Monday that he is talking with his legal staff and didn't immediately have a specific comment about the letter.

"As a general principle, we believe that a new company providing value to people should be regulated and not banned,"



In this Oct. 27, 2009 file photo, a cable car passes a parking meter near San Francisco's financial district.

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Dobrowolny wrote. "This applies also to companies like Airbnb, Uber and Lyft that are continuously facing difficulties while delivering something that makes users happy. Regulation is fundamental in driving innovation, while banning is just stopping it."

The city attorney's warning to Monkey Parking comes about a month after his office started investigating the startup, which began its San Francisco operations in April.

"Technology has given rise to many laudable innovations in how we live and work — and Monkey Parking is not one of them. It's illegal, it puts drivers on the hook for \$300 fines, and it creates a predatory private market for public parking spaces that San Franciscans will not tolerate," Herrera said in a written statement. "People are free to rent out their own private driveways and garage spaces should they choose to do so. But we will not abide businesses that hold hostage on-street public parking spots for their own private profit." Parking in San Francisco has long been known as

a driver's worst nightmare. A recent San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency parking census reported that the city has 440,000 parking spots available — but only 275,000 of those are street parking. Herrera's letter to Monkey Parking also asked Apple

Inc. to immediately remove Monkey Parking from its app store. Apple did not immediately respond to emails seeking comment. Two other tech companies, Sweetch and ParkModo, which Herrera said also violate city and state law, will receive similar cease-and-

desist warnings later this week. Sweetch co-founder Hamza Ouazzani Chahdi, whose \$5-per-parking-spot swapping app was also warned to cease and desist, said Monday the goal is just to reduce congestion, which creates pollution and other problems. □

Robot valet to park cars at Duesseldorf airport

BERLIN (AP) — Plane to catch and don't feel like hunting for parking?

Travelers at Duesseldorf airport in Germany can soon leave the job to a robot valet.

An airport spokesman says the robot, nicknamed Ray, starts work Tuesday and can be booked using a smartphone app.

Thomas Koetter says all travelers need to do is leave their car in a designated area and confirm it's empty and ready to go. Then Ray or one of its cybernetic colleagues will take the car to one of 249 parking spaces reserved for robots.

Koetter says the forklift-like



Parking robot "Ray" transports a car in Duesseldorf, Germany, Monday, 23 June 2014. The parking robot will see service for the first time at Duesseldorf Airport.

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machine can carry any standard car weighing up to 3 metric tons (3.31 tons) and is fully insured.

He says the service costing 29 euros (\$39.43) a day targets busy business travelers but is open to anyone. □

Wall Street tumbles off from highs; FMC falls

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AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks fell for the first time in seven days, ending a run that had pushed the indexes to all-time highs, as investors assessed corporate news. Chemical company FMC

eroded its momentum after being disrupted by an unusually harsh winter. Stronger growth should translate into higher corporate profits.

"The market has had a good run and it needs to pause," said Peter Cardillo,

percent, to \$71.10 after the company lowered its earnings forecast for the second-quarter, saying that the impact of the cold winter had been much stronger than it had originally anticipated.

Investors were also watch-

Intergrys was among the winners. The company's stock jumped \$7.40, or 12.1 percent, to \$68.35 on the news.

Micros Systems also gained on deal news. The software company's stock rose \$2.21, or 3.4 percent, to \$67.98 after Oracle said it was buying the company for about \$5.3 billion.

The stock market may be heading for a summer lull after its latest record-setting run, as investors wait for more confirmation that the economic outlook is improving, said Scott Wren, a senior equity strategist at Wells Fargo Advisors. The S&P 500 is up 6.2 percent for the year after trading mostly sideways for the first three months of the year.

"After the big run we've had over the past couple of months, a week or two of consolidation isn't anything out of the ordinary," said Wren.

In government bond trading, prices edged lower. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which moves in the opposite direction to its price, rose to 2.62 percent.

The price of oil fell 66 cents, or 0.6 percent, to \$106.17 a barrel.

Among other stocks making big moves:

Lululemon rose \$1.02, or 2.5 percent, to \$41.25 after The Wall Street Journal reported that the company's founder was working with Goldman Sachs to shake up the yoga clothing company's board. Lululemon's stock is down 30 percent this year as the company works on improving its business since pulling one of its popular yoga pants from stores last spring because they were too sheer. □



Trader Gregory Rowe, left, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Monday, June 23, 2014. Stocks fell for the first time in seven days, ending a run that had pushed the indexes to all-time highs, as investors assessed corporate news. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

fell the most in the Standard & Poor's 500 index after cutting its earnings forecast for the second quarter due because its Agricultural Solutions unit performed worse than expected in the period. General Electric and Wisconsin Energy both dropped after announcing acquisitions. The stock market has climbed steadily in the last two months amid signs that the economy has recov-

chief market economist at Rockwell Global Capital. The S&P 500 fell a fraction of a point, or less than 0.1 percent, to 1,962.61. The index closed at a record 1,962.87 on Friday. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 9.82 points, or less than 0.1 percent, to 16,937.26. The Nasdaq composite index edged up 0.64 point, or less than 0.01 percent, to 4,368.68. FMC dropped \$3.65, or 4.9

ing deal news that produced both winners and losers.

General Electric dropped 29 cents, or 1.1 percent, to \$26.68 after agreeing to acquire most of the power generation business belonging to Alstom, a French company. Wisconsin Energy fell \$1.62, or 3.5 percent, to \$45.27 after the company said that it was buying Intergrys Energy for \$5.8 billion.

US, French bank closer to a deal on \$9 billion fine

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GREG KELLER

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government and French bank BNP Paribas are close to a settlement over alleged sanctions violations that would require the bank to plead guilty, pay almost \$9 billion in penalties and face other sanctions, a person familiar with the matter said Monday.

The person described the deal as imminent, but said it was not exactly clear when it would be publicly announced. The person spoke only on condition of anonymity because no agreement had yet been finalized.

BNP Paribas, SA, France's largest bank, has been under investigation for financial transactions through its New York office for clients in Iran, Sudan and Cuba in violation of U.S. trade sanctions. A report by the Wall Street Journal said the bank intentionally hid \$30 billion in such transactions, by far more than in any such case so far. The French economy minister, meanwhile, urged the U.S. Department of Justice to be "fair and proportionate" when deciding on the potential fine. Arnaud Montebourg, speaking on BFM television Monday, said the U.S. has an unfair advantage in the global "economic war" because of a law allowing prosecution of foreign companies for activities outside American soil. France appealed this month to President Barack Obama to intervene, but Obama declined to get involved and said he would read about the case "in the newspapers just like everybody else."

Meanwhile, the bank said this month that a top executive, Chief Operating Officer Georges Chodron de Courcel, would retire in September. His term was to finish in 2016 and the bank did not explain the reason for his departure.

U.S. banking regulators sought the departure of Chodron de Courcel and other executives as part of the investigation.

Shares in BNP were flat in afternoon Paris trading. □

Allergan tells shareholders to reject Valeant deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Allergan, the maker of Botox, said Monday that Valeant Pharmaceuticals' hostile takeover bid for the company is "grossly inadequate" and that shareholders should reject it. Allergan said the \$53 billion bid from Valeant undervalues the company and

is not in the best interest of Allergan's shareholders. Valeant, a Canadian drug-maker, first offered to buy Irvine, California-based Allergan Inc. in April, and has increased its original bid of about \$45.6 billion several times, only to be rejected. Valeant teamed up with activist investor Bill

Ackman's Pershing Square Capital Management for the bid.

On Friday, Valeant said it was taking its deal directly to Allergan shareholders and allowing them to trade in their stock for 0.83 shares of Valeant and \$72 in cash, or another combination. Allergan's CEO David E.I.

Pyott said in a statement that the company can increase shareholder value more than Valeant's bid can. Shares of Allergan slipped 31 cents to \$165.01 in morning trading Monday. Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc. shares fell \$1.26 to \$120.67 in morning trading. □

Takeover target Shire promises strong growth

LONDON (AP) — Takeover target Shire on Monday highlighted its potential as a standalone drugmaker, offering investors a rosy projection of its earnings potential that it believes is not reflected in the acquisition proposal made by U.S.-based rival AbbVie. Chief Executive Flemming Ornskov told analysts that

Shire PLC should remain independent, and that it expects to more than double its 2013 annual product sales to \$10 billion by 2020.

The company, which is known for its rare disease drugs, has rejected an unsolicited 27 billion-pound (\$46.2 billion) offer from AbbVie Inc., arguing it

fundamentally undervalues the company. It also expressed concern that AbbVie was interested in the move for tax reasons. Shire has so far rejected three overtures.

The offer comes at a time of wheeling and dealing in the pharmaceutical industry, as drugmakers look to grow or eliminate noncore

assets while focusing on strengths.

Alex Arfaei, a pharmaceutical analyst for BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., said acquiring Shire would "meaningfully improve" AbbVie's business.

"Overall, we were encouraged by the tone of the Shire call, and believe that a friendly offer could be

possible," Arfaei wrote.

"We believe that AbbVie does have room to meaningfully sweeten its offer."

He estimated that AbbVie could increase the cash component of its offer from 20.44 pounds per share to 34 pounds, which would value Shire at just under 60 pounds per share, or \$60 billion. □

Alstom CEO says GE deal will save company jobs

PARIS (AP) — Alstom's chief executive says the French heavy engineering firm's agreement to sell off most of its power generation business to U.S. rival General Electric Co. will save jobs and protect France's national interests.

The \$17 billion deal was agreed over the weekend after weeks of international negotiations that reached the highest levels of French politics. The government was worried that the GE takeover would cause layoffs and hand foreign owners too much influence over a major industrial player — especially one like Alstom, which makes power plant equipment and pioneered TGV high-speed trains.

Alstom CEO Patrick Kron said Monday on Europe-1 radio that the deal with GE "is a combination of Alstom's qualities and GE's economic strength."

After the deal is completed, Kron will be left running the company's train, tram and railway signaling business, which accounts for around a quarter of the group's total sales and operating profit. GE will take over Alstom's money-spinning gas turbine business, while the two companies keep equal stakes in the small renewable energy and power grid businesses.

The French state will also buy a stake in the new rump Alstom from construction giant Bouygues SA. Kron and GE's CEO Jeffrey Immelt will visit an Alstom plant on Tuesday to talk with workers about the deal, which still needs final approval by regulators and workers'



The company logo of Alstom is seen at the headquarters of the leading global maker of high-speed trains, power plants and grids, in Levallois-Perret, outside Paris, France. Alstom's chief executive says the French heavy engineering firm's agreement to sell off most of its power generation business to U.S. rival General Electric Co. will save jobs and protect France's national interests. (AP Photo/Christophe Ena)

representatives. Immelt has come to France several times to meet with government officials since GE first made its takeover bid in April. Alstom SA's board approved GE's offer on Saturday, after GE promised to create jobs and improved

its offer, and the government withdrew its long-held opposition. Germany's Siemens and Japan's Mitsubishi Heavy Industries had presented a rival combined offer but failed to win over Alstom's board. For GE, the deal is part of its new

focus on building and servicing industrial equipment such as aircraft engines, power-plant turbines and oil and gas drilling equipment. The U.S. company sold its remaining interest in NBC Universal last year as part of the shift. □

Oracle buying Micros Systems for about \$5.3B

REDWOOD SHORES, Calif. (AP) — Software maker Oracle is buying Micros Systems Inc., which provides software and hardware to the hospitality and retail industries, for about \$5.3 billion. Oracle Corp. said Mon-

day that it will pay \$68 per Micros share, a 3 percent premium to the company's \$65.77 Friday closing price. Shares of Micros gained \$1.43, or 2.2 percent, to \$67.20 in premarket trading Monday.

Oracle said the acquisi-

tion will extend its offerings by combining Micros' industry-specific applications with its business applications, technologies and cloud portfolio.

Oracle expects the deal to immediately add to its adjusted earnings. Its stock

climbed 18 cents to \$41 before the market opened.

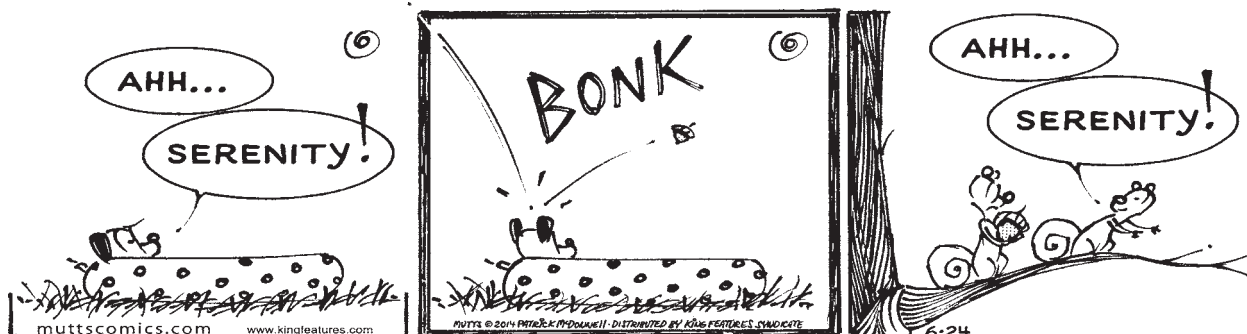
Micros' board unanimously approved the transaction, which is expected to close in the second half of the year.

Oracle is based in Redwood Shores, California.

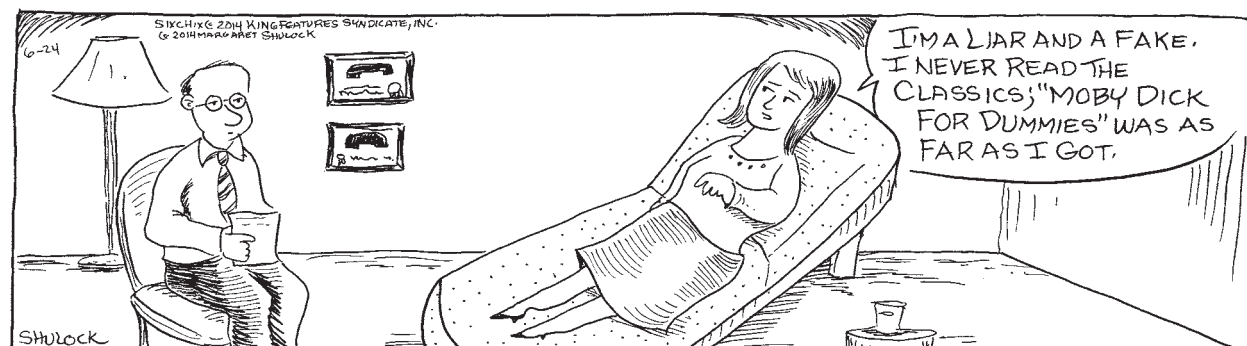
Micros Systems is headquartered in Columbia, Maryland.

Last week Oracle reported fourth-quarter results that missed Wall Street's expectations, hurt in part by the devaluation of Venezuela's currency. □

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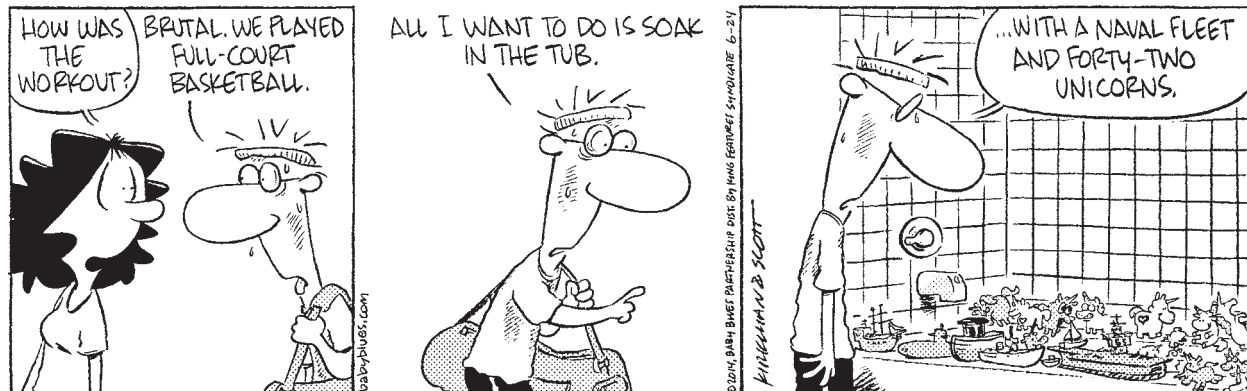
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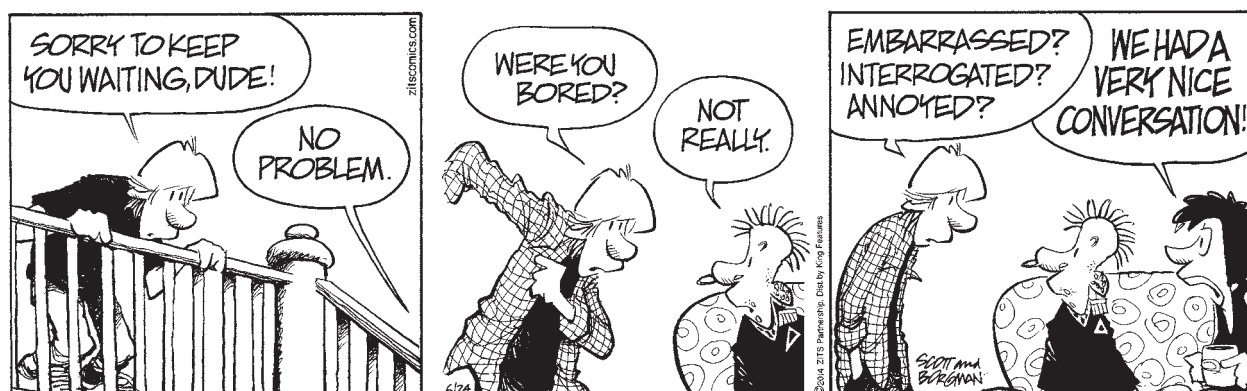
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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- Hardy cabbage
- Sudden forward rush
- Windy day toy
- Get rid of
- Derisive smile
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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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America's hinterlands woo Chinese firms for jobs

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The start of large-scale U.S. shale gas production has helped contain U.S. electricity costs. □

And the value of China's currency has risen more than 30 percent against the U.S. dollar over the past decade. The higher yuan has raised the cost of Chinese goods sold abroad and, conversely, made U.S. goods more affordable in China.

Those rising costs have cut China's competitive edge. In 2004, manufacturing cost 14 percent less in China than in the United States; that advantage has narrowed to 5 percent. If the trend toward higher wages, energy costs and a higher currency continues, Boston Consulting predicts, U.S. manufacturing will be less expensive than China's by 2018.

Cost isn't the only allure. As Chinese companies build more sophisticated products, they want to work more directly with U.S. customers.

"Being close to the marketplace is good for everybody," says Loretta Lee, a Hong Kong entrepreneur who just opened a shoe factory in Tennessee.

Sometimes, political pressure nudges Chinese firms into investing in America. Tianjin Pipe, for instance, began building its Texas plant after the U.S. imposed sanctions against Chinese-made pipes in 2010, notes Thilo Hanemann, Rhodium's research director.

Local officials here in southwestern Alabama went out

of their way to lure Golden Dragon, which wanted to build a plant to make copper tubing for air conditioners.

At first, the company considered Thomasville, just across the border in Clarke County. But Thomasville didn't have any suitable sites after Golden Dragon decided it needed three times as much space as originally sought.

"I was almost in a panic," recalls Thomasville Mayor Sheldon Day.

But Day spotted an industrial park in Wilcox County with plenty of space. Day says he didn't mind the project going to a neighboring county. The plant would employ Thomasville residents, too.

And there was another benefit: Wilcox County — stuck with 15.5 percent unemployment, Alabama's highest — qualified for ex-

tra aid. It landed \$8 million in state and federal grants to help build an annex road and sewage lines for the project.

Wilcox County also gave the company 100 acres of a 274-acre industrial park it bought for \$1.2 million and a break on local property taxes. And Alabama offered to reimburse the company up to \$20 million of its costs for building the \$100 million factory. It will get the full amount if it ends up hiring 500 people, says George Alford of the Wilcox County Industrial Development Authority.

Local officials assembled all the public agencies and utilities Golden Dragon will have to deal with — from Alabama Power to the Port of Mobile — in one room on one day so company executives could have their questions answered at once. □

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Heat & Repeat: Globe breaks May temperature record

BY SETH BORENSTEIN

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Driven by exceptionally warm ocean waters, Earth smashed a record for heat in May and is likely to keep on breaking high temperature marks, U.S. experts say.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Monday said May's average temperature on Earth of 59.93 degrees Fahrenheit (15.54 degrees Celsius) beat the old record set four years ago. In April, the globe tied the 2010 record for that month. Records go back to 1880.

May was especially hot in parts of Kazakhstan, Indonesia, Spain, South Korea and Australia, while the United States was not close to a record, just 1 degree warmer than the 20th century average.

Georgia Tech climate scientist Kim Cobb and other experts say there's a good chance global heat records will keep falling, especially next year because an El Nino weather event is brewing on top of man-made global warming. An El Nino is a warming of the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean that alters climate worldwide and usually spikes global temperatures.

Ocean temperatures in May also set a record for the month. But an El Nino isn't considered in effect till the warm water changes the air and that hasn't happened



This May 12th, 2014, file photo shows Thijs Talluto, 3, of Los Angeles, cooling-off in a fountain at Grand Park in downtown Los Angeles. **Associated Press**

yet, NOAA said.

With the El Nino on top of higher temperatures from heat-trapping greenhouse gases, "we will see temperature records fall all over the world," wrote Pennsylvania State University climate scientist Michael Mann in an email May was 1.33 degrees (0.74 degrees Celsius) warmer than the 20th century world average.

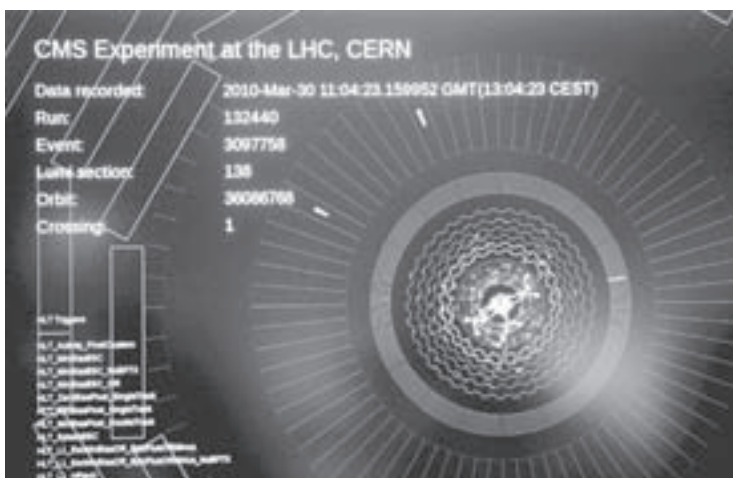
The last month that was cooler than normal was February 1985, marking 351 hotter than average months in a row.

This possibly could quiet people claiming global warming has stopped, but more importantly it "should remind everyone that global warming is a long-term trend," Princeton University climate scientist Michael Oppen-

heimer said.

Setting or tying monthly global heat records has happened frequently in recent years. The last global monthly cold record was set in December 1916.

Spring, which is March through May in the Northern Hemisphere, was the second warmest on record globally, behind only 2010. □



In this Tuesday, March 30, 2010 file photo, an event display shows the activity during a high-energy collision at the CMS control room of the European Organization for Nuclear Research, CERN, at their headquarter outside Geneva, Switzerland. **Associated Press**

Famed atom smasher gets twice the energy next year

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Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — The world's largest atom smasher is gearing up for its second three-year run after 16 months of maintenance and upgrades. The Large Hadron Collider, which was used to discover a long-theorized subatomic particle, is designed to push the proton beam close to the speed of light, whizzing 11,000 times a second around a 17-mile (27-kilometer) tunnel on the Swiss-French border near Geneva. The world's top particle physics lab known by its French acronym CERN said Monday that the \$10 billion collider is be-

ing improved and is on track to resume early next year at double its former energy level.

Once it restarts, two beams will be fired again within the collider at the same time in opposite directions with the aim of recreating conditions a split second after the Big Bang, which scientists theorize was the massive explosion that created the universe. The next CERN experiments could reveal more about "dark matter," antimatter and possibly hidden dimensions of space and time. "The machine is coming out of a long sleep after undergoing an important surgical operation," said Frederick Bordry, di-

rector for accelerators and technology at the European Organization for Nuclear Research.

During its first run, the particle accelerator was used to discover the subatomic particle known as the Higgs boson, without which particles would not hold together — and there would be no matter. The state-of-the-art accelerator — and teams of thousands of CERN-based scientists — helped Peter Higgs win the Nobel Prize last year by proving his theories right. "It's effectively a new machine, poised to set us on the path to new discoveries," said CERN Director General Rolf Heuer. □



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Cast changes give 'Transformers' a fresh start

ANGELA CHEN

Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — The robots aren't the only part of the latest "Transformers" film that changed. Led by star Mark Wahlberg, a whole new cast was brought in to give a fresh start to the blockbuster franchise.

"Transformers: Age of Extinction" stars Wahlberg as a mechanic who strikes up a friendship with good-guy robot Optimus Prime.

Wahlberg said the idea of joining the franchise came while he and Bay were working on last year's film, "Pain and Gains."

"I've never done a sequel to any of the movies that I've done and this is my first installment in the series. So, still not really a sequel for me. Just thought it was fun to do something different and I really wanted to work with Michael."

The first three films were anchored by Shia LaBeouf, and Wahlberg has previously said he felt pressure about stepping into the shoes of other actors. Still he jumped at the opportunity, and while he's signed to do future installments, "I'm not doing it if Michael doesn't do it. So we'll see what happens."

At the film's worldwide premiere in Hong Kong on

Thursday, Bay praised the 43-year-old Wahlberg as a leading man with maturity and gravitas.

As a father of four, Wahlberg saw his scenes with on-screen daughter Nicola Peltz as a sign of things to come and says he's fiercely protective of his own two daughters. "I'm not excited about that part of it," he admitted of their becoming teenagers.

The 19-year-old Peltz said she took Wahlberg's advice to come to the film set extra prepared.

"He told me, 'Before you go to set, know your script, know your lines, know everything about the script.' Because you'll go to set, sometimes Michael will pick a scene not supposed to be filmed in a month. He'll be like, 'Let's just shoot it today.' So it's really good to be extra prepared on a Michael Bay film."

Another new addition, Kelsey Grammer, said he didn't mind playing a villain since he got the chance to work with Bay. "It's like throwing a lot of things up in the air @ one time, and somehow he pulls them back down, and sticks them in his movie. He's got so many ideas all the time. His mind is so quick and rich, and creative. It's kind of like a wild ride just to



From left, American actor Stanley Tucci, Chinese actress Li Bingbing, American actors Kelsey Grammer, Mark Wahlberg, director Michael Bay, actress Nicola Peltz, producer Lorenzo di Bonaventura and actor Jack Reynor pose for photographers before their news conference for their movie "Transformers 4: Age of Extinction" in Hong Kong Friday, June 20, 2014.

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work with him."

Hong Kong and China plays an important backdrop in the latest installment, another indication of China's growing importance to Hollywood. The franchise's third film, "Transformers: Dark of the Moon," earned \$1.1 billion at the global box office, with \$165 million from China, its second biggest market after North America.

But it hasn't been smooth. A Beijing property developer had called for the Chinese screenings to be suspended because of a

sponsorship dispute, before all parties said Monday they'd smoothed out their differences. The Beijing Pangu Investment Co. Ltd. owns the dragon-shaped Pangu Plaza featured in the film.

Production in Hong Kong also was briefly disturbed by two extortion attempts on the set last year. In one case, a man reportedly tried to throw an air conditioning over Bay's head. One assailant was later sentenced to 30 months in prison.

At a news conference Fri-

day, Bay said he thought the sentence was harsh. "I personally wouldn't want them to be punished. He was on drugs and he probably didn't know what he was doing."

He also said that after the incident, people came up to him and apologized to him on behalf of Hong Kong.

Supporting actor Jack Reynor said despite the incident, the cast and crew had a great time on set. "Our experiences of Hong Kong were all very positive ones." □

Medical series producer directly sees impact of work

DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Two of the nurses who treated ABC News producer Terence Wrong when he was hospitalized for a minor ailment recently told him they traced their interest in medicine directly to his work.

That's a profound point of pride, as well as extra assurance of attentive care. Wrong has established a niche as the maker of rigorous nonfiction television series that go behind the scenes at institutions, more often than not hospitals, ever since his first series on Johns Hopkins Hospital

aired in 2000.

The latest, "NY Med," debuts Thursday at 10 p.m. EDT. It contrasts stories from Manhattan's New York-Presbyterian Hospital with gritty emergency room scenes from Newark, New Jersey's University Hospital. Five of the eight series Wrong has made for ABC were set in hospitals; his team has immersed itself in the work at more than a dozen facilities. Each series takes at least four months of filming and up to a year of postproduction, so they rarely appear in back-to-back years. They're watched closely

by many in medicine — not just Wrong's nurses.

"We always knew that one of the reasons the hospitals are willing to exhibit their warts and blemishes as well as the great things they do is that they see this series as a recruitment tool," Wrong said.

"NY Med" has the mix of stories that will be familiar to fans, including remarkable footage of a man suffering a life-threatening aneurysm in front of Dr. Mehmet Oz. We see patients and their families live through delicate surgeries and gunshot victims in emergency rooms. A nurse is fired for



In this image provided by ABC, Dr. Mehmet Oz works with a patient in a scene from the new season of "NY Med," premiering, Thursday, June 26, 2014, at 10 p.m. EDT.

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breaking her workplace's social media rules and, in a lighthearted moment, a patient is called out for flirting with several nurses simultaneously.

As a character, Dr. Ashley

Winter offers relief from the more intense stories of the first episode. A young, attractive urologist, she has to ask delicate questions of older men, as well as fend off guys seeking a date. □

Cuba's Buena Vista Social Club on 'Adios Tour'

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Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — They were forgotten masters of a long-ago sound, their faces deeply lined and their hands spotted with age. Then, suddenly, at an age when many performers would be retired, the members of this old-school band found themselves playing in some of the most hallowed venues around the world, sharing stages with the likes of Sting and Shakira.

After rocketing into the spotlight in the late 1990s, the Buena Vista Social Club became nothing less than Cuba's soundtrack to the world. Nearly two decades later, the remaining members of the group are preparing to disband after one last farewell tour.

"Many of the musicians have their own plans," said a visibly emotional Jesus "Aguaje" Ramos, a trombonist and orchestra leader who has been with the group since the beginning. "They must be given a chance."

He spoke in an exclusive interview with The Associated Press before the group left Cuba last week for its globe-trotting swan song. "The name of the tour is



In this, June 17, 2014 file photo, Jesus Aguaje Ramos, director and musician of the Cuban band, Buena Vista Social Club poses for a picture at his home in Havana, Cuba.

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very strong — the 'Adios Tour,'" Ramos said. "But for me it's more of an 'until next time.' We are musicians, and we have to do this."

The Buena Vista Social Club was born when U.S. musician and producer Ry Cooder traveled to the island and brought the musi-

cians together to lay down the haunting 14-track album. The record won a Grammy, and a documentary of the same name was nominated for an Oscar.

The catchy opening chords of "Chan Chan" still echo through the cobblestone streets of Old Havana each day, played by ro-

ving bands of musicians who know what tourists want to hear. The group's interpretation of classics like "El Cuarto de Tula" and "Dos Gardenias" are also frequently heard.

Together with a boom in other genres in the 1990s, the Buena Vista Social Club was a key part of a "great

golden age of music in Cuba," said Raul Fernandez, a social scientist at the University of California, Irvine, who studies the island's music.

Today, many of the core original members have died, including Ruben Gonzalez, Ibrahim Ferrer and Compay Segundo, with crooner Omara Portuondo and guitarist Eliades Ochoa among the better-known still living.

Over the years, the group has always had a kind of revolving door for artists who came and went. But the central mission remained the same: to revive a musical tradition that had been shunted aside by new tastes.

"When we started, there were people who made fun of the music we made, danzon, cha-cha-cha," Ramos said. "'That's out of style,' they said. But still we have kept on going. It rescued all that history."

Amadito Valdes, who has had a long career as a percussionist, recalled some of the group's highlights: performing in New York's Carnegie Hall; Gonzalez's visit to the United Nations; Segundo's audience with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican. □

APNewsBreak: Flynn's Mitch Rapp series to continue

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Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Best-selling author Vince Flynn died just over a year ago, but his terrorist-fighting protagonist Mitch Rapp will live on in new books written by someone else, Flynn's publisher says.

Simon & Schuster and Flynn's estate have commissioned thriller writer Kyle Mills to complete Flynn's unfinished novel, "The Survivor," and to write two more books in the Rapp series. "The Survivor" is tentatively scheduled to hit shelves next year.

Similar deals have kept James Bond and other action heroes alive long after their creators. Flynn's long-time editor, Emily Bestler,



In a Sept. 2, 2005 file photo is best-selling author Vince Flynn, who died just over a year ago, with copies of his books at his home in Edina, Minn.

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told The Associated Press that continuing the Rapp series was a bittersweet experience. Rapp was featured in 13 of the 14 novels Flynn published in his life-

time.

"But I know that this is what he would want and know that his readers will be grateful," Bestler said.

Flynn, who sold more than

15 million books in the U.S. alone and counted Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush among his fans, was 47 when he died June 19, 2013, in his hometown of St. Paul after battling prostate cancer for more than two years. Flynn had completed only the first few chapters of "The Survivor" when he died, Bestler said.

"He would be so happy to know that Mitch Rapp has a future and that Kyle Mills is the one who will be helping that happen," Bestler said.

A Flynn fan himself, the 48-year-old Mills knows what it's like to follow in another author's footsteps. He has written 13 books, including three in the style

of Jason Bourne creator Robert Ludlum, who died in 2001.

To prepare himself, Mills said he re-read every one of Flynn's books in chronological order and took 150 pages of notes on everything from his writing style to his word choice.

For "The Survivor," Mills said he plans to continue with the story threads left hanging from Flynn's last book, "The Last Man," published in 2012.

"I feel pretty confident that I can produce something that people will love, because my goal is to produce something I would have loved (to read) if I hadn't been asked to write and somebody else had done it," Mills said. □

So Similar, So Different



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Readers often ask: Why do I travel to places like Sudan or Myanmar when we Americans have so many challenges at home to worry about?

As Janessa put it on my Facebook page: "Shouldn't we take care of the issues within our own borders BEFORE we try and fix everyone else's?"

It's a fair question, and it comes up often now. We're weary with the world, and so many humanitarian problems seem insoluble. We're ready to turn inward.

Yet perhaps an encounter last month in Myanmar on my annual "win-a-trip" journey, with a college student in tow, can help answer the question.

The winner of my contest this year was Nicole Sganga, a 20-year-old Notre Dame student. One day, we hiked into the remote village of Yae Thay, far from any road, and we met a woman named Sajan, also 20. We stopped and chatted, meeting her children and talking about her aspirations. Nicole and Sajan are both bright, hard-working and fun-loving, and they got along well. But their lives could not be more different - a reflection of the lottery of birth.

While Nicole grew up in a middle-class family on Long Island, New York, thriving in school, Sajan dropped out at age 10 when her father died. "I couldn't afford to go to school after that," she explained.

Sajan, a model of resourcefulness, resilience and tenacity, became a cook to fishermen and married at 13, traded for a bride price of one cow. She has two daughters whom she aims to send to high school, but she wants sons because, she explained, "a boy is better than a girl."

She has never seen a dentist. She wears lipstick but has no television, no radio and even no electricity. She has never ridden in a car, and she doesn't have a bicycle to get around. Her wardrobe consists of two sarongs and four tops, but no shoes or sandals; she goes barefoot.

Sajan says she can leave the home only with her husband's permission. She loves her hus-

band but declined to say whether he beats her. She added reflectively that a husband should beat his wife if she disobeys him.

Nicole told Sajan bluntly that she didn't intend to marry until at least the age of 30. We wondered if Sajan would disdain such a lifestyle, but she immediately said: "I'd like to trade with you."

She also estimated that a highly educated young woman like Nicole would get a huge bride price - at least five cows. That was perhaps a sign of the premium villagers place on educated girls.

(In another village, a man offered 100 cows for Nicole if she married his son. Nicole gently explained that she was not for sale.)

Sajan and other villagers draw their drinking water from open ponds and mud puddles, because there is no well available. The result is sickness, parasites and death, especially among children.

No one in the village uses contraception, and it's not clear how many are even aware that it exists.

It was eerie to watch Nicole and Sajan talk to each other: Two young women, born at almost the same time, both with talent and dreams, both seizing opportunities, yet only one in a context in which her abilities can come fully into play. It was a reminder of a basic truth of life: Talent is universal, but opportunity is not.

That's one reason I encourage young people to travel outside their comfort zones: From afar, it's often easier to see our own privilege - and responsibilities.

There has been a much-needed focus this year on inequality in the United States, with even Lloyd Blankfein, chief executive of Goldman Sachs, saying that inequality is destabilizing America. But, of course, the greatest deprivation is in Asia and Africa, and it's still far cheaper to create opportunity in poor countries than in rich ones.

Vaccines save lives. Iodizing salt raises IQs and reduces mental disability. Wells, bed nets and deworming improve health. Family planning would help the 215 million women worldwide who yearn for a way to avoid getting pregnant. Education allows people to transform their own lives. These are all bargains. In some quarters in America, it's considered glamorous to volunteer in Tanzania, but not to mentor a child on the wrong side of the tracks. That's myopic. But I think it's also shortsighted to insist that we solve all of our own problems before beginning to address those abroad.

Compassion shouldn't depend, one way or the other, on the color of one's skin - or passport. We can, albeit unsteadily and uncertainly, try simultaneously to chip away at problems both here and abroad - spreading opportunity so that the Sajans of the world are as empowered as the Nicholes. □



Amateurism and the NCAA



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LAND, Calif. - It was Thursday of Week 2 at the O'Bannon trial, the day Mark Emmert, president of the NCAA, was going to be on the stand.

By 6:30 a.m., reporters and others had begun gathering outside the courthouse here, waiting to get in. So many people showed up to see Emmert testify that some had to be shunted to an overflow room. In any antitrust trial, the two sides' dueling economists are usually the most important witnesses. Be that as it may, there was not much doubt that Emmert was going to be the star witness.

Although the NCAA has been sued plenty of times in its 100-plus-year existence, it has never faced a lawsuit quite like this one, which takes dead aim at its business model. Named for its lead plaintiff, Ed O'Bannon, the former UCLA basketball star, the suit charges that the NCAA's rules deprive current and former athletes of the ability to make money from one's name, image and likeness. And this, the suit says, is a violation of the nation's antitrust laws.

The NCAA's business model, of course, is a model in which big-time college sports are highly commercialized endeavors, generating billions of dollars

from TV contracts and sponsors, spoils that are then shared by all those involved in college sports - except the athletes themselves. The players, meanwhile, are expected to generate those revenues for no more than a scholarship and a pat on the back. The NCAA's "core value," as Emmert put it often on the stand, is amateurism, the idea that the athletes are students first, and are playing purely for the love of their sport and their school.

If a player were to get paid for his name, image or likeness - whether in a video game, a poster or any other medium - he would be accepting money, and thus, according to the NCAA, violating the amateur code. So, in order to attack that concept, the plaintiffs had to attack the very concept of amateurism itself. That is why this case is such a threat to the NCAA.

One way the plaintiffs went about that was to show the various ways that college athletes are exploited commercially - by their own schools. As part of its amateurism code, the NCAA vows to "protect" players from commercial exploitation. But after William Isaacson, the plaintiffs' attorney, while, cross-examining Emmert, asked him a series of questions about commercial exploitation, Isaacson put up a series of photographs showing college players at press conferences, standing in front of walls that were festooned with corporate logos. In several cases, Emmert was reduced to saying that although the examples shown were within the rules, he was personally uncomfortable with them.

(Disclosure: My wife works for Boies, Schiller & Flexner, the same firm as Isaacson. She is not involved in the case and does not stand to profit if O'Bannon wins.)

As so often happens, the trial is offering a kind of shadow history of the NCAA. Memos and emails are being introduced

that show that there has been concern for years inside the NCAA and member schools about the very issues being litigated. For instance, O'Bannon brought suit after he saw an avatar in an EA Sports video game that was clearly modeled after him. Inside the NCAA, executives discussed the avatar problem and whether it went too far.

There were several references in emails to amateurism that were less than reverential and gave one a sense that amateurism was really anything that the NCAA said it was. Emmert had wanted to introduce a \$2,000 stipend to the basic scholarship to help cover the miscellaneous expenses that come with going to college. Had it gone through - it was voted down by the membership - it would have meant that a player could pocket an extra \$2,000 and remain an amateur. Why? Because the NCAA said so. Meanwhile, the plaintiffs unearthed several internal emails that used the word "hypocrisy" to describe the NCAA's business model.

"You are focusing on the word 'hypocrisy,'" Emmert said.

"I am," Isaacson replied.

As it turns out, Emmert's day and a half on the stand did not yield any "gotcha" moments. He held his temper - something he hasn't always done - refused to be baited by Isaacson, and stuck to his guns. The real evidence came from the plethora of emails and documents Isaacson was able to introduce.

Does amateurism violate antitrust law? Almost surely. When a cartel conspires to hold down wages, that is a classic restraint of trade. The question that U.S. District Court Judge Claudia Wilken is being asked to decide is whether the system the NCAA has created does so much good that it trumps any potential antitrust violation.

I know my answer to that question. I'm looking forward to finding out Wilken's answer. □

In Brazil camp for Dutch fans, color helps unite



Tents are neatly lined up at the Oranjecamping site during the 2014 soccer World Cup in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Sunday, June 22, 2014. There are dozens of small tents where fans share space and sleep on air mattresses. Other tents are made of a thicker material and are spacious enough for bunk beds. (AP Photo/Dario Lopez-Mills)

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Associated Press

SAO PAULO (AP) — It's not simple to stand out during the World Cup in Brazilian stadiums carpeted by yellow and green. But along the edges of a dam in the southern part of Sao Paulo, Dutch soccer fans have built

a camp for 500 people, creating a spot where orange is the new yellow. They sunbathe in orange sunglasses and dry themselves with orange towels. All over the sports center-turned-tent site, they have hung orange jackets, T-shirts and even briefs. Some of the

most committed fans drove their cars, also orange, from as far away as New York to make it to the fluorescent celebration. "Orange is the color of the national team," said Juul Ophelders, explaining why she dyed her hair orange for soccer's biggest tourna-

ment. "It was a little bit nicer but the water is different here, so it's lighter now." Color is a statement for the Dutch fans camping by the Guarapiranga dam in the southern part of Sao Paulo. More than 400 of them will be heading for the team's final group match against Chile on Monday at Itaquerao stadium in Sao Paulo. "It has to be orange if you want to join the party," said Laurens Kraal, who drove with seven other fans from Bolivia in an orange hippie van. "It feels Dutch." There are dozens of small tents where fans share space and sleep on air mattresses. Other tents are made of a thicker material and are spacious enough for bunk beds. On Sunday, a young man played soccer wearing orange overalls with a soccer-ball pattern. Women sipped their caipirinhas after toast-

ing with hands manicured with orange nail polish. A sign read "Orange Heart. Yellow Soul," signaling the visit in tropical Brazil where yellow shirts dominate. Some feel orange helps show unity for the Dutch team, which has often come close in the World Cup, only to painfully lose in the finals. "It's our fate to be second. But then when you are second, you always have a goal. We keep having a goal—to become world champions," said Michel van Baarle. In another sign of togetherness, 50 of the fans dove into a swimming pool Sunday afternoon at the same time with orange beanies, a New Year's tradition that usually takes place in the ocean. Does it bring good luck? "It's just us being crazy. That's pretty much it," said Tim van Beukering. "We enjoy it." □

World Cup visitors sample Amazon life at village

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ALDEIA INDIGENA TATUYO, Brazil (AP) — At the sound of an approaching boat, the people of this river village run out to greet their visitors, feather headdresses bobbing, loincloths and grass skirts rustling. Riding atop two of the women's heads, baby monkeys grab fistfuls of hair as they clutch on for dear life. A 40-minute ride up the Rio Negro from Manaus, the people of Aldeia Indigena Tatuyo are far removed from the global spectacle taking place in that World Cup host city. Here, amid the exuberant vegetation of the Amazon rainforest, two worlds meet, smile at one another and snap souvenir photos. The community of thatched palm roofed houses is home to nine families who moved to the riverside plot some 15 years ago from deep inside the rainforest, near Brazil's border with Colombia. The villagers lead a hybrid life, maintaining the ancestral traditions of their assorted tribes while enjoying some of the advantages of ur-

ban life. They hunt wild pigs, deer, the large rodents known as capybaras and other forest animals. They fish in the inky waters of the Rio Negro River and grow manioc and other sustenance crops. Visits by outsiders provide supplemental income, and they hope that before World Cup play wraps up in Manaus, with Honduras to face Switzerland on Wednesday, some of the international soccer fans will come to glimpse their way of life. While they normally wear the shorts, T-shirts and flip-flops that are standard fare throughout Brazil, the villagers change into their ceremonial finest to receive tourists. The men and boys don loincloths embellished in the back with bunches of freshly cut leaves and rattling anklets made from hollow seeds. The women and girls wear graceful skirts of dried grass. Everyone wears graphic face paint that melts with sweat during the aerobic ceremony of chants and rhythmic dances. The celebration is held in the village's central building, a



Residents from various tribes stand at the entrance of a traditionally built house in the Tatuyo indigenous community near Manaus, Brazil. While they normally wear the shorts, t-shirts and flip-flops that are standard fare throughout Brazil, the villagers change into their ceremonial finest to receive the tourists, the men and boys donning loincloths embellished in the back with bunches of freshly cut leaves and rattling anklets made from hollow seeds, the women and girls wearing graceful skirts of dried grass. (AP Photo/Felipe Dana)

dark lodge infused with the smell of smoke, and visitors snap away madly with their cameras while the more outgoing join in the dancing, much to the children's amusement. Other visitors try to coax the baby monkeys off their owners' heads and onto their own, with extremely

limited success. Sometimes visitors join in the high-adrenaline, co-ed soccer matches that are the afternoon entertainment of choice for the villagers. After about an hour, the tourists pay a small fee, generally ranging from about \$5 to \$10 a person, depending on the size of

the group, and hop back aboard their boat. "It's nice to have visitors," said Cecilia Godinho, a Guano tribeswoman whose husband founded the village after accompanying an ailing relative to the hospital in Manaus. "We learn from them and I hope they learn from us, too." □